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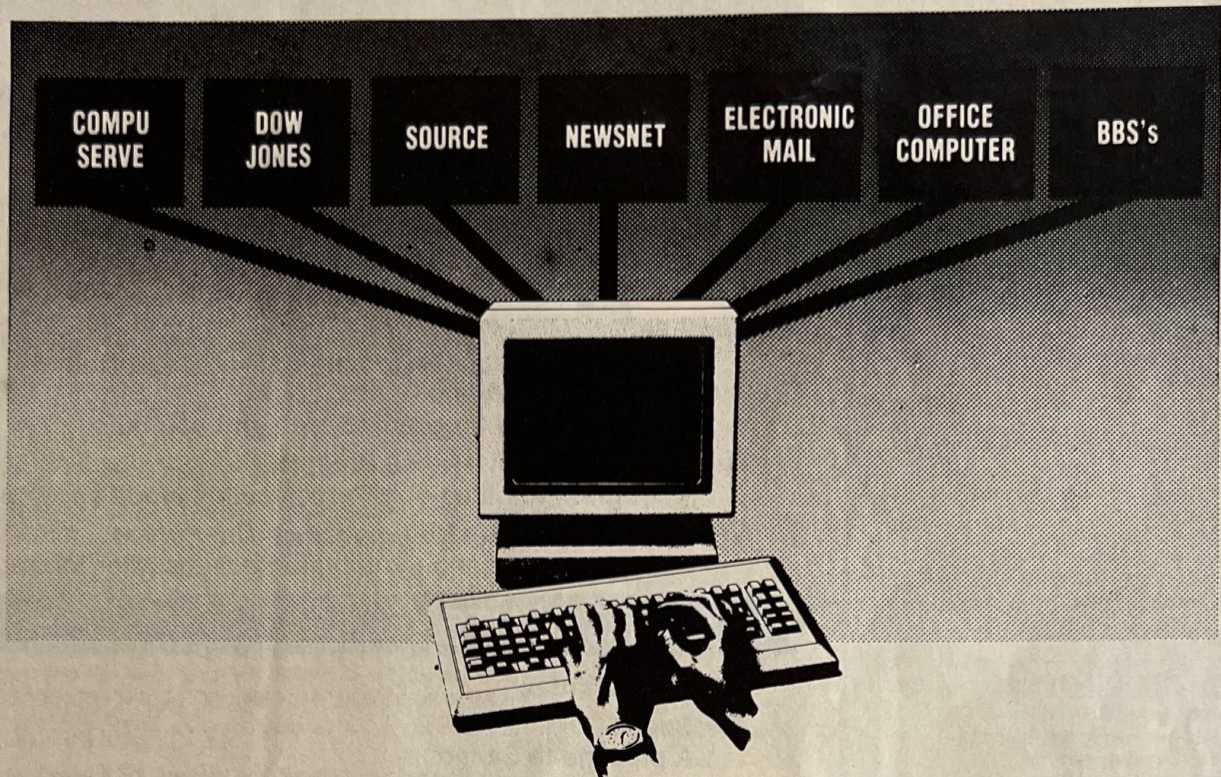
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RANDOM RND

Editor:

In a recent issue of *Scientific American*, there appeared a brief critique of the RND function, which may not generate all that random a set of numbers. To see this graphically, RUN this program for a few minutes;

```
10 CLS
20 X=640*RND
30 Y=200*RND
40 PSET (X,Y)
50 GOTO 20
```

A truly random set of points would produce a uniform sprinkle of dots with no discernable pattern, which does not seem to be the case for many BASICS, including Sanyo's.

It would be interesting to learn about the Sanyo RND algorithm, and whether there are better ones, should one be necessary.

Herman I. Leon
Arlington, VA

ACCLAIM FOR RECLAIM

Editor:

In SOFT SECTOR, August '84, the program "Reclaim" came just in time for me. As the editor of a professional association newsletter I had just put to disk a couple of articles and a review when I inadvertently deleted them (using DEL *,BAK instead of DEL *.BAK). "Reclaim" was a godsend. It took me an hour to key it in and to debug it (no time to wait for SOFT SECTOR ON DISK) and I was back in business. They tell me there is an MS-DOS utility called "Recover" that does the same thing, but I'm sure it couldn't work better than "Reclaim." Thank you Chuck Kincade and SOFT SECTOR.

Eric Walker
Brookfield, Australia

FAMILY TIES

Editor:

One bit of information which a few of your readers might find useful concerns genealogy (family history) software for the Sanyo MBC machine.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) sells a set of software for the IBM machine for \$35, which includes an excellent manual. This may be ordered from The Genealogical Department, Ancestral File Operations Unit, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150, (801) 534-2584.

If you inquire, you will be told that this software will not operate with the Sanyo machine and will be given the name of a licensee who will sell you a copy for about \$100. However, the software will run on the Sanyo MBC-555 with either GW-BASIC or BASICA. Just rename the GW-BASIC or BASICA to have the same name as the IBM BASIC called for in the instruction manual when you prepare working disks.

One last change, to avoid an annoying blink when the program runs is to turn off the "blink" switch. This operation was described in the November '84 issue of SOFT SECTOR. Instructions are also given on Page 5-36 of your *Sanyo User's Guide*. Just turn Switch 3 of DTS-4 to the "OFF" position to stop the blink.

Eldon J. Edgin
Dallas, TX

SIMPLE STROKES

Editor:

Thank you very much for your useful magazine.

I have found a useful trick with *WordStar* is setting one of the function keys with *Install* or *WizStar* (SOFT SECTOR, April '85) to ^A^T which produces a one-stroke delete word left key which is very useful in revising sentences and replacing hopelessly misspelled words.

Bob Copps
Vancouver, British Columbia

BASIC FUNCTIONS

Editor:

In SOFT SECTOR, September '84, Philip MacKenzie and Jeff Sorensen indicate you cannot install or use the additional function keys 11 through 20.

However, I have found these can be programmed using the instructions in the BASIC manual (pages 3-70 through 3-73) and can be used from the keyboard in one of two ways:

- 1) Using the top row of number keys and holding down the CONTROL key.
- 2) Using the numeric key pad while holding down the SHIFT and CONTROL keys.

Floyd Brown
Lancaster, CA

PAR
AVION

Editor's Note: You're right, of course. In Sanyo BASIC all 20 of the function keys can be programmed with the command `KEY x, "string"` where 'X' is the key number 1 through 20 and "string" is up to eight characters. After they have been stored, they can be displayed with `KEY LIST` to the screen and `KEY LLIST` to the printer. You can also save them to disk with `KEY SAVE "filename"`, then load them back in each time you enter BASIC with `KEY LOAD "filename"`.

EXERCISING CONTROL

Editor:

I read in "Business Sector," in the September '85 issue a reply concerning the installation of new *WordStar* codes where it was indicated that codes could not be installed for the function keys ^PV and ^PT using the *Install* program, to be used for an Epson RX-80 printer. After several trials to install as many user patches as possible, I discovered the way to use the ^PT and ^PV sequences when I wanted to use super- and subscripts.

The procedure is to select ^PT for the beginning code of the desired control and use the other sequence for the end control. While using *WordStar*, insert the ^PT sequence to begin the control and then to end the control it is important to *repeat* the same ^PT sequence (*WordStar* will actually transmit your installed ^PV code to the printer). The codes can be reversed using ^PV as the begin code and ^PT as the end code; then insert ^PV in the text to begin and end the desired control.

As an example of trying to obtain maximum usefulness from the few user defined patches of *WordStar*, these are the codes I have installed:

Alternate pitch	^PA	Elite
Normal pitch	^PN	Pica
Alternate ribbon	^PY	Begin/End superscripts (Control characters to begin superscripts)
Standard ribbon	^PY	(Control characters to end superscripts)
Carriage roll up	^PT	Begin/End subscripts (Control characters to begin subscripts)
Carriage roll down	^PV	(Control characters to end subscripts)
Overprint	^PH	Backspace
User patch (1)	^PQ	Begin italics
User patch (2)	^PW	End italics
User patch (3)	^PE	Begin bold type
User patch (4)	^PR	End bold type

I hope this information will be useful for someone else installing custom patches to *WordStar*.

David E. Ritter
Pottstown, PA

A PAT ON THE BACK

Editor:

Charles Annis' "BlitzStar" program (August '85, Page 44) gets my vote as the best ever modification for *WordStar*. His description of "stunning" performance is not overstated. This simple soft-switch makes all previous speedup modifications, including my own, look positively anemic! It could well justify the cost of the optional Video RAM Board for many Sanyo users. Thanks, Mr. Annis!

One more step is needed to make this modification fully functional, though: In addition to setting the byte at 2B0 per Mr. Annis' instructions, you should also set (to FF) the byte at 2B3. This is the color/highlight switch for memory-mapped mode, and it must be set to enable the inverse-video and/or color functions.

It's tips like this one every few months that keeps my name on your subscription list. Please do not forsake reader-contributed material, as most other computer magazines have done! One such article, in my opinion, is worth a whole issue full of "professionally written" material.

Your complete, cross-referenced annual index (August '85, Page 39) is unusually thorough, highly useful and greatly appreciated. I know this is trite, but it fits: Keep up the good work!

Richard M. Kruse
Wichita, KS

A DIFFERENT CONCEPT

Editor:

I recently purchased my first copy of your magazine after looking for it for a number of months. I was certainly happy that I continued to look for it even after I discovered that it was not widely distributed in my area.

The main purpose of this letter is to thank you for the article by Ray C. Robinson "Putting The Hidden Files Where You Can Find Them" (May '85, Page 47). I am happy to say that I no longer have to put up with the long honking noise that I grew to dread. I also typed in the biorhythm program by S.G. Bucy (May '85, Page 36). I would like to call your attention to an error in the program.

It seems to me that when you are born, your biorhythms should all start out at zero and proceed sinusoidally throughout your life. When I entered the program and answered the year and month to check those of my birth, I was surprised to find that this wasn't the case. I traced the problem to the computation of the days alive section, lines 460 through 520. If you want to have the program zero in on your birthdate, the following changes will cause this to occur:

```
460 TOTAL = -DAY
480 FOR J=MONTH+1 TO M2: TOTAL =
```

```
TOTAL+M(J): NEXT
520 IF YEAR > Y2 THEN FOR I=1 TO
M2-1: TOTAL=TOTAL+M(I):NEXT
```

If you feel biorhythms begin at conception, enter your conception date rather than birthday. Make the changes and everything will still be in sync.

Thank you for a wonderful magazine.

Robert G. Hughes
Capt., USAF
Belleville, IL

CAUGHT AND CORRECTED

Editor:

I would like to thank Mr. George Algie of Richmond Hts., Ohio for locating and correcting two possible errors with the *Sketch-It Ver. 2* program listing in the January '85 issue.

"There are two things I have found in *Sketch-It* that you might want to change. In Line 1210 the RESUME 1180 should read RESUME 1175. The other item is that in using the pie chart wedges if you want the first point to be horizontal to the right you will not get a radial line. This is because it becomes zero degrees. I have solved the problem with Line 1068 IF REAL1=0 THEN REAL1=1."

Dan Webber
Rolla, MO

FIND AND REPLACE

Editor:

I look forward to the day my *SOFT SECTOR* comes in the mail. The problem is I read it all the first day and have to wait a whole month for more great reading. It's not that it's not packed full of information, it's just that I ignore everything else until I finish the magazine. I especially like Tim Purves' column.

A little note about "Assuming Too Much" written by Marc Zeeder (July '85, Page 6). When using *WordStar*, and using Find and Replace (^QA), after entering the word to find, then the word to replace it with, and the options N and G, hit RETURN then any key at all and you will quickly be brought to the end of the document with all of the replacements made. The problem is that you are stuck with the key's character at the end of your document. Solution: Hit RETURN twice.

Thom R. Herold
Columbus, OH

Correction

In the review of *Dear Word* (October '85, Page 39), we mistakenly listed the price as \$15. It should have read \$19.95. If you ordered the program and had your check returned, please reorder. We apologize for the inconvenience.

SOFT SOAPBOX

One of the things we have been wanting to be involved with for a long number of years has finally come to pass. We're very happy about it and I think you will be, too, because it means an expanded capability for you and your computer.

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By the time you read this, we will be heavily involved in supplying information to you through a telecommunications capability. We have selected the Delphi network for a number of reasons I will not go into here, but suffice it to say that now you can call up Delphi and join our MS-DOS Special Interest Group (SIG).

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Four Video RAM Board Routines

Change screen colors
and redefine
function keys

By Truman Krumholz

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Some of you may recall in *SOFT SECTOR*, August '85, I demonstrated a way for Video RAM board users to change the size of their cursor with a short eight byte program. Now, for those with a color monitor, I am going to show a way to change your screen colors from DOS and a way for everyone to redefine your DOS function keys. You must have Sanyo's MS-DOS, Version 2.11 for the Video RAM Board, the Video RAM Board and a *CONFIG.SYS* file containing the line *DEVICE=ANSI55.SYS*. This file must be on your system diskette. My system disk has *IO.SYS* Version 1.03, but all of these routines should work properly with *IO.SYS* Version 1.0.

The easiest way to write these short routines is to use *DEBUG*. Let's begin with an easy one; changing the border color. To do this, we will write a number from zero to seven to the color select port, 03D9. We will also use the keyboard buffer at CS:005D to select the number we will send to the color select port. We will use the AL register to hold this number. Finally, we use Interrupt 20 to return to DOS. The assembly listing would look like this. *XXXX* is the code segment.

```
XXXX:0100 2E      CS:      ;Use the code seg-
                        ment.
XXXX:0101 A05D00 MOV  AL,[005D] ;Get # from keyboard
                        buffer.
XXXX:0104 3C30    CMP  AL,30    ;30H is ASCII zero.
XXXX:0106 720A    JB   0112    ;Jump if it is less than
                        30.
XXXX:0108 3C38    CMP  AL,38    ;Is it more than 37?
XXXX:010A 7306    JNB  0112    ;Jump if it is.
XXXX:010C 2C30    SUB  AL,30    ;Sub 30 to get real
                        number.
XXXX:010E BAD903 MOV  DX,03D9  ;Port number into
                        DX.
XXXX:0111 EE      OUT  DX,AL    ;# in AL to color se-
                        lect port.
XXXX:0112 CD20    INT  20      ;Return to DOS.
```

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First, from the DOS prompt, type *DEBUG* and press RETURN. Now from the *DEBUG* prompt, type *E 100* and press RETURN.

Type in the following, pressing the space bar after each byte and then press RETURN after the last byte. After you have entered the code, you can check your work against the assembly listing by typing U 100 and pressing RETURN. Disregard any code after the last byte. They will not be saved.

```
2E A0 5D 00 3C 30 72 0A 3C 3B 73 06 2C 30 BA D9 03 EE
CD 20
```

After entering the code, type R CX and press RETURN. Now type 14 and press RETURN. This gives DEBUG the length of the program. Type NBORDER.COM and press RETURN. We have now named the file BORDER.COM. Now, type W and press RETURN. This will write the file to disk. Finally, you can type Q and hit RETURN to leave DEBUG. There is now a file on your directory named BORDER.COM. From the DOS prompt, type BORDER 4 and press RETURN. You should have a red border. The colors are 0 = black, 1 = blue, 2 = green, 3 = cyan, 4 = red, 5 = magenta, 6 = yellow and 7 = white.

Now, let's change the foreground color. We will have to do this a different way. The color select port will not change the

"The easiest way to write these short routines is to use DEBUG."

foreground color when we are in the 80 column mode. This time we will use an escape sequence and Function 9 of Interrupt 21. The assembly section of the routine is similar to the border program and looks like this:

```
XXXX:0100 2E      CS:      ;Use code segment.
XXXX:0101 A05D00 MOV  AL,[005D] ;Get number from
                                ;buffer.
XXXX:0104 3C30    CMP  AL,30    ;ASCII for zero.
XXXX:0106 720E    JB   0116     ;Back to DOS if it is
                                ;less.
XXXX:010B 3C3B    CMP  AL,3B    ;Is it more than 7?
XXXX:010A 730A    JNB  0116     ;Back to DOS if it is.
XXXX:010C A21B01 MOV  [011B],AL ;Plug the number
                                ;into ESC seq.
XXXX:010F BA1B01 MOV  DX,011B  ;Point DX to the
                                ;ESC seq.
XXXX:0112 B409    MOV  AH,09    ;Set function for INT
                                ;21.
XXXX:0114 CD21    INT  21      ;Do it.
XXXX:0116 CD20    INT  20      ;Back to DOS.
XXXX:011B 1B5B33          ;Start of ESC se-
                                ;quence.
XXXX:011B 306D1B          ;Continued.
XXXX:011E 5B      ;Continued.
XXXX:011F 324A24          ;End.
```

After the code at 011BH, we will put in the ASCII escape sequence. The first character is 1B, the escape character. Following is the control character 5B and 33, ASCII for a '3'. Then 30, ASCII for a '0' which may be changed by the number from the keyboard buffer. Following this is a lowercase 'm' (ASCII 6D) which sets the function. The last section, [2J (5B 32 4A) is to clear the screen. First 1B (ESCAPE), then 5B, and

32 which is ASCII for a '2' and J (ASCII 4A) is the function. Finally, a dollar sign (ASCII 24) to indicate the end of the string.

From DOS, again bring up DEBUG. Type E 100 and enter the following just like you did with the border program.

```
2E A0 5D 00 3C 30 72 0E 3C 3B 73 0A A2 1B 01 BA 1B 01
B4 09 CD 21 CD 20 1B 5B 33 30 6D 1B 5B 32 4A 24
```

After this is entered, type R CX and use 22 for the file length. Type NFG.COM and press RETURN. This names the file FG.COM for foreground. Type W to write the file and Q to leave DEBUG. To use the file type FG then a space and a number from zero to seven. This changes the character color. The colors are 0 = black, 1 = red, 2 = green, 3 = yellow, 4 = blue, 5 = magenta, 6 = cyan and 7 = white.

To change the background color, use the exact same program except change the 27th byte which is 33 to 34 and use NBG.COM as the name. From the DOS prompt, type BG, a space, and a number from one to seven and press RETURN. The colors are the same as the foreground colors. Remember, if you make the foreground and background the same, you cannot read the screen.

Let's use the same technique to do something for those who do not have a color monitor. We will redefine a couple of the function keys. While in DOS, I have found there are several of the function keys I do not use. For this example we will redefine function keys four and five. Function Key 4 will do a DIR/P and Function Key 5 will clear the screen. This time we only need to point DX to our escape sequence and do the interrupts and, of course, put in the sequence. The program assembly code listing is short and looks like this.

```
XXXX:0100 BA0901 MOV  DX,0109 ;Point DX to ASCII
                                ;string.
XXXX:0103 B409    MOV  AH,09    ;Set function 9.
XXXX:0105 CD21    INT  21      ;Do it.
XXXX:0107 CD20    INT  20      ;Return to DOS.
XXXX:0109          ;Start of ESC string.
```

As before, use DEBUG to edit at 100 and put in the following.

```
BA 09 01 B4 09 CD 21 CD 20 1B 5B 30 3B 36 32 3B 22 44
69 72 2F 70 22 3B 31 33 70 1B 5B 30 3B 36 33 3B 22 43
4C 53 22 3B 31 33 70 24
```

This time use 2C to answer the R CX. I used NFUNCTION.COM to name the file FUNCTION.COM, but use whatever you like. After you go back to DOS, from the DOS prompt type FUNCTION or whatever you named the file and press RETURN. Function keys four and five should be redefined.

The scan codes for the function keys are used in this program. They are 59 through 68. The string for Function Key 4 is first, a 1B (escape) then [0;62;"Dir/P";13p. The [is 5B and 0;62 is the code for Function Key 4. "Dir/P" is what we want it to do. The 13 is a carriage return and the lowercase 'p' indicates the function to redefine keys. For Function Key 5 the string is [0;63;"CLS";13p. The 0;63 is the scan code for Function Key 5. The last byte of the program, the 24, is the dollar sign to indicate the end of the strings.

Using this technique, any of the function keys or any other key that generates code can be redefined. To redefine the letter keys use the ASCII codes and a sequence like 1B (escape) and [66;80p which redefines B (ASCII 66) to be 'P' (ASCII 80). Don't forget to put a dollar sign after the last string.

All of these little programs, except the first one, use the DOS and the ANSI55.SYS file. I think the ability to do these kinds of things with such short routines shows the versatility of the 8088 processor and MS-DOS.

Redesigning The Wheel With Sanyo BASIC Graphics

By Fred Blechman

Soft Sector Contributing Editor

Last month we learned how to set points and how to create boxes using the `LINE` statement. This month we continue our lesson on Sanyo BASIC graphics by learning how to make circles, arcs, segments and ellipses.

Circles, Arcs, Segments And Ellipses

Although a circle could be drawn on the screen with `PSET` and trigonometry, it's faster and easier to use the `CIRCLE` statement, whose syntax is as follows:

```
CIRCLE(X,Y),R,S,E,P,C
```

The `X` and `Y` specify the center of the circle in world coordinates (zero to 32,767 for each). Normally, you'll use the screen limits of zero to 639 for `X` and zero to 199 for `Y`. The `R` is for radius, measured in dots along the horizontal direction.

Arcs

The values for `S`, `E`, `P` and `C` are optional. The starting point (right side, horizontal axis) of an arc is `S`, with `E` the ending point, and the movement is clockwise. A full circle has a value of one, so a quarter circle would be `.25`. To draw an arc of one-eighth a circle, starting at the lowest point on the screen, use an `S` value of `.25` and an `E` value of `.375`.

Segments

If a negative value is specified for either, the absolute value is used and a line is drawn from that point on the arc to the center of the circle. If both `S` and `E` are negative values, a segment is drawn.

Ellipses

The value of `P` determines the proportion or ratio of the circle so ellipses can be drawn. A value for `P` less than `.508` results in a horizontally elongated ellipse; a `P` greater than `.508` results in a vertically elongated ellipse. The horizontal limit is always within the range of `R`.

Listing 1 draws a circle made up of arcs and segments.

Springs And Doughnuts

While you're dealing with circles you might want to draw a series of circles in a preestablished pattern. Listing 2 draws different colored circles along a sine wave path, while Listing 3 follows a circular path.

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In both of these listings, the `MOD 7+1` following the variable `X` or `A` on the `CIRCLE` program line creates circles of different colors. Use a constant for the color you prefer if you want a one-color figure.

COLORing With PAINT

In addition to `COLORing` dots, Sanyo BASIC allows you to `PAINT` sections of the screen between existing borders. You did a little of this with the `LINE` statement when you filled a block. The `PAINT` statement, however, lets you fill in irregular shapes up to a specified border color.

The syntax is as follows:

```
PAINT(X,Y),C,B
```

The `X` and `Y` coordinates can be anywhere within the world coordinate system, but you'll usually be using from zero to 639 for `X` and zero to 199 for `Y`. These coordinates must fall within the area you want `PAINTed`, filled with `COLOR`.

The `C` parameter is for the desired area color, and the `B` is for the border color to stop the `PAINTing`.

A simple example to illustrate the `PAINT` command is shown in Listing 4 where three triangles are drawn with `LINE` statements and each is then `PAINTed` a different color.

Notice that Line 10 `LOCATEs` the cursor away from the triangles. If the cursor happens to be flashing along one of the `LINEs`, this has the effect of changing the line color, and `PAINT` can "escape" through this opening!

Also, don't omit the border color for stopping the `PAINT` in program lines 300 to 320.

The `PAINT` coordinates can be anywhere within the bordered area you want filled with the specified area color. The area color moves upward to the specified border color until that portion is filled, then moves downward to fill the rest of the area.

COLOR Wheel

Determining the coordinates for `PAINT` can be done by trial and error, but this can be tedious if a lot of areas are involved. Listing 5 uses a more sophisticated approach by using a formula to calculate the `PAINT` coordinates. This can be done because the basic figure being filled in is regular in shape — an enlarged version of the arc/segment program of Listing 1.

Lines 20 to 40 draw a large circle with 20 segments — a kind of big, spoked wheel. Lines 120 and 130 calculate the coordinates of a point within each segment. Actually, these points fall on a circle calculated by the `SINE` and `COSINE` functions, with the Angle `P` selected to fall between the spokes

of the wheel. The multipliers of 50 for X and 25 for Y in lines 120 and 130 determine the size and shape of the plotting circular path.

Lines 140 and 150 change the color of the PAINT, avoiding zero (black). The result is a brilliantly COLOred wheel.

Joystick Commands

The Sanyo MBC-550 includes a joystick port — a 16-pin DIP (dual inline pin) socket all set for you to plug in an Apple-compatible joystick. These are analog joysticks, quite different than the typical Atari-type digital joysticks.

While a joystick is normally associated with playing computer games, it can also be useful for drawing shapes on the screen or selecting from a screen menu by the appropriate use of the two commands, STICK and STRIG. (These are not shown in Sanyo BASIC's "Reserved Words" list, but are implemented nevertheless.)

STICK "reads" the vertical and horizontal position of the joystick by converting voltage values related to the stick position. STRIG monitors the joystick firing button(s).

For my testing, I used the MAGSTIK available from Tech Designs, Inc. This joystick is magnetically self-centering when released, and has separate X and Y linear "trimmers" for close calibration and "centering" of its two built-in linear 150K ohm potentiometers. It has two firing buttons and plugs directly into the Sanyo joystick socket without any adapters or rewiring. A snap-in "magnetic module," shielded to prevent erasure of diskettes, is inserted in the bottom of the unit. It can be removed if you prefer to defeat the self-centering feature.

Testing The Joystick Commands

Joystick and firing button operation can be demonstrated with Listing 6.

Joysticks usually have the same internal resistance values for both the X and Y axis. It is these resistance values that change as the joystick is moved. The MAGSTIK returns values of zero to approximately 200 in each direction on the Sanyo. Since these numbers can be used as position coordinates, we either have to multiply them by the proper factors to use them on our rectangular screen, or let the computer do this for us with the WINDOW statement. This program uses the latter approach, setting the WINDOW to 200 in each direction in program Line 10. This means we can use the actual joystick output and the screen will be proportioned properly.

Line 20 clears the screen, and STRIG (Sense TRIGger) "ON" enables the firing buttons, which we'll get to shortly. Line 20 also sets the value of variable C, which will be used for COLOR, to one.

Line 30 senses the X and Y coordinates of the joystick position with STICK(1) and STICK(2) respectively, and assigns these values to variables X and Y. Line 40 then uses the PSET statement to plot a point on the screen at that location in the current C color.

Line 50 allows you to change the color by changing the value of C. When firing button number one is pressed, STRIG(1) changes from its normal "off" value of zero to a value of minus one. The rest of this program line increments the value of C, being sure it never goes to zero or exceeds seven. Line 60 then goes back to Line 30 to sense new STICK values.

STRIG(2) returns the inverse of STRIG(1) for firing button number one. Firing button number two uses STRIG(3) and STRIG(4) to read its "on-off" status.

So What?

While these joystick programs have no real practical value, they do allow you to get acquainted with the joystick commands, to make crude screen drawings and to get the "feel" of the joystick. Beyond this point, I'll leave it up to your creativity and imagination to apply the joystick to your own applications.

Listing 1: Arcs and Segments

```
10 CLS
20 FOR X=0 TO 1 STEP .05
30 CIRCLE(320,100),75,X, -(X+.05),,7
40 NEXT
50 GOTO 50
```

Listing 2: Circles on a Sine Wave

```
10 CLS
20 FOR X=0 TO 360 STEP 4
```

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```

30 LET Y=50*SIN(X*3.1416/180)
40 CIRCLE(X+150,Y+100),50,,,,X MOD 7+1
50 NEXT
60 GOTO 60

```

Listing 3: Circles on a Circle

```

10 CLS
20 FOR A=0 TO 360 STEP 4
30 X=100*COS(A*3.14159/180)
40 Y=50*SIN(A*3.14159/180)
50 CIRCLE(X+320,Y+100),50,,,,A MOD 7+1
60 NEXT
70 GOTO 70

```

Listing 4: PAINTing Triangles

```

10 CLS:COLOR 7:LOCATE 23,75
20 LINE(0,0)-(50,100)
30 LINE-(150,10)
40 LINE-(0,0)
100 LINE(100,100)-(280,195)
120 LINE-(100,100)
200 LINE-(550,20)
210 LINE-(600,150)
220 LINE-(100,100)
300 PAINT(50,50),1,7

```

```

310 PAINT(100,110),2,7
320 PAINT(120,100),4,7
330 GOTO 330

```

Listing 5: COLOR Wheel Program

```

10 CLS
20 FOR X=0 TO 1 STEP .05
30 CIRCLE(320,100),190,X,-(X+.05),,7
40 NEXT
95 C=1
100 FOR P=9 TO 351 STEP 18
110 X=50*COS(P*3.14159/180)
120 Y=25*SIN(P*3.14159/180)
130 PAINT(X+320,Y+100),C,7
140 C=C+1:IF C=8 THEN C=1
150 NEXT
160 GOTO 160

```

Listing 6: MAGSTIK Exercise

```

10 WINDOW(0,0)-(200,200)
20 CLS:STRIG ON:C=1
30 X=STICK(1):Y=STICK(2)
40 PSET(X,Y),C
50 IF STRIG(1)=-1 THEN C=C+1:IF
   C=8 THEN C=1
60 GOTO 30

```



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By Edward Kerns

From time to time we all need a calculator to figure a bill or a problem from work. As we go hunting for our hand-held calculator in the desk drawer, our powerful Sanyo 555 is sitting on the desk top within easy reach. *Calculator Emulator* will put that Sanyo power to work on your calculation within 10 seconds and save the aggravation of hunting for that misplaced calculator. If you know how to operate a hand-held calculator then you already know how to operate this one.

In operation, the program displays a graphic representation of a calculator. You can also see the entries and results in the display window. Numbers and simple operators are entered from the numeric key pad (after pressing NUM LOCK

at the beginning). Special operators, like sine and square root, are entered from the keyboard as a single capital letter. Calculations are entered according to standard algebraic syntax, except that special functions (other than +, -, *, /, M, R and %) are followed by brackets enclosing the numbers on which operation of the special operator is desired.

Calculator Emulator has several special features. There are 10 memories (zero to nine) and 10 levels of parentheses (entered as brackets). Scientific notation numbers (e.g., 1.234E 7 or 1.23456789D 7) may be entered. When a calculation concludes with an end bracket, then the entry of an equal sign (=) is not required to obtain the final result. The calculation may be

printed on the line printer, you

may kill (erase) the last numeric or operator entry and the sign of the entry or the result may be changed.

Here is, briefly, how the program works. First, a graphical representation of a calculator is drawn on the monitor. The program reads your keyboard entry. Numbers are constantly updated on the calculator display until an operator is entered. Then the number and operator are placed in a register matrix. The calculator needs to operate according to a hierarchy of what operations to perform first, so we assign a hierarchy of zero to numbers (e.g., 1 to + and -, 2 to * and /) and place these hierarchies in a separate register. With each succeeding entry of number and operator, the program checks this hierarchy to determine which calculations to make. This program follows standard rules for calculators; for example, multiplication is done before addition on a long calculation which involves several numbers and types of operators.

Entry of start bracket ([) shifts the subsequent calculation entries to a higher register matrix; entry of end bracket (]) completes the calculation at that level and moves the result

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down to the next lower register matrix level.

The program is written with the intention of following the ideals of structured programming in BASIC as described by Arthur Luehrmann in *Creative Comput-*

"Numbers and simple operators are entered from the numeric key pad."

ing, May-June, 1984. The structured approach is excellent for anyone endeavoring to learn and tame the language that will make a microcomputer perform wonderful feats.

Calculator Functions and Syntax

Graphic Representation	Function	Entry Syntax	Notes
Sin	Sine	S [number]	enter degrees
Cos	Cosine	C [number]	" "
Tan	Tangent	T [number]	" "
1/N	Inverse	N [number]	
e^X	e to power X	X [number]	
%	N1 what % of N2	N1 % N2	
sQr	Square Root	Q [number]	
pWr	N1 to power N2	N1 W [N2]	
Ln	Natural Log	L [number]	
Prn	Lineprint Toggle	P	P again to stop
M	Memory Store	M number	number = 0 to 9
R	Memory Recall	R number	"
K	Kill Last Entry	K	number/operator
B	Break, Exit	BREAK Key	exit or clear all
+ <-> -	Change Sign	RETURN Key	
[,]	Parentheses	[,]	10 levels

The listing: CAL.BAS

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10 'CALCULATOR PROGRAM, 6-14-85, by ED KERNS
20   GOSUB 40: 'SETUP
30   GOSUB 90: 'OPERATIONS
40 'SUB SETUP
50   DEFSTR A,C,D,G,M,P,S-W,Y:DEFINT B,E,F,H-L,N,X,Z:PI="3.141592654"
60   GOSUB 190: 'DRAW LINES
70   GOSUB 400: 'LABEL KEYS
80   RETURN
90 'SUB OPERATIONS
100  F=1
110  GOSUB 900: 'INPUT
120  GOTO 950: 'CHECK FOR SPECIAL OPERATORS
130  GOSUB 1630: 'DISPLAY OPERATOR INPUT
140  GOSUB 1690: 'DISPLAY NUMERIC INPUT
150  GOSUB 1760: 'PERFORM OPERATIONS
160  GOSUB 1890: 'CHECK FOR ] INPUT
170  GOTO 110
180  RETURN
190 'SUB DRAW LINES
200  CLS
  
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210 LINE (83,5)-(447,199),,B
220 LINE (91,29)-(439,55),,B
230 I=1
240 READ J
250 GOSUB 320: 'DRAW KEYS
260 IF I=7 THEN 290
270 I=I+1
280 GOTO 240
290 LINE (387,140)-(427,182),,B
300 DATA 99,147,195,243,291,339,387
310 RETURN
320 'SUB DRAW KEYS
330 K=0:B=68
340 LINE (J,B+K*24)-(J+40,B+K*24+18),,B
350 IF I=7 AND K=2 THEN 390
360 IF K=4 THEN 390
370 K=K+1
380 GOTO 340
390 RETURN
400 'SUB LABEL KEYS
410 RESTORE:READ J
420 READ J
430 A="[]MRK=7410/852 *963.B-+-"
440 E=1
450 I=1
460 READ J
470 GOSUB 560: 'DRAW VERTICAL NUMBERS
480 IF I=5 THEN 510
490 I=I+1
500 GOTO 460
510 SYMBOL(296,166),"00",2,2
520 GOSUB 650: 'LABEL SPECIAL KEYS
530 LOCATE 24,18,0:PRINT"KEYBOARD" NUMERIC PAD":LOCATE 1,1,0
540 LOCATE 21,51:PRINT CHR$(18)
550 RETURN
560 'SUB DRAW VERTICAL NUMBERS
570 K=0:B=71
580 W=MID$(A,E,1)
590 SYMBOL(J+9,B+K*24),W,3,1.5
600 E=E+1
610 IF K=4 THEN 640
620 K=K+1
630 GOTO 580
640 RETURN
650 'SUB LABEL SPECIAL KEYS
660 GOSUB 720: 'LABEL VERTICAL COLUMN
670 X=X+1:Z=0
680 IF X=2 THEN 710
690 GOTO 660
700 DATA Sin,Cos,Tan,1/N,e^X, %,sQr,pWr,Ln,Prn
710 RETURN
720 'SUB LABEL VERTICAL COLUMN
730 READ SS
740 LOCATE Z*3+10,X*7+14
750 PRINT SS
760 Z=Z+1
770 IF Z=5 THEN 790
780 GOTO 730
790 RETURN

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800 'SUB DISPLAY WINDOW AND LINE-PRINT
810 IF R=2.5 THEN GOTO 830
820 IF LEN(Y)>16 THEN R=1 ELSE R=1.5
830 LINE(92,30)-(438,54),0,BF
840 SYMBOL(104,32),Y,R,3:R=1
850 IF O=1 AND O1=1 THEN LPRINT Y
860 IF O=2 AND O1=1 THEN LPRINT ,Y;" ";
870 'LINE (0,0)-(40,170),0,BF:'remove '"' on line 870 & 880 to watch registers
880 'LOCATE 1,1:FOR X=0 TO 9:PRINT S(Z,X);"/";N(Z,X):NEXT:PRINT "N=";N;" Z=";Z
890 RETURN
900 'SUB INPUT
910 C=INKEY$
920 IF C="" THEN 910
930 IF INSTR("SCTNXQWLP[]MRK=123456789000/*-+.DE",C)=0 AND C<>CHR$(13) THEN 9
10
940 RETURN
950 'SUB CHECK FOR SPECIAL OPERATORS
960 IF VAL(C)>0 THEN GOTO 130
970 IF INSTR("SCTNXQWLP",C)>0 THEN GOSUB 1430
980 IF C="P" THEN O1=ABS(O1-1): 'SET PRINT TOGGLE
990 ON INSTR("[MR",C) GOSUB 1030,1190,1280
1000 IF C="K" THEN GOTO 1340
1010 IF C=CHR$(13) THEN GOSUB 1110: 'CHANGE SIGN
1020 IF INSTR("[MSCTNXQWLZP",C)>0 THEN 110 ELSE 130
1030 'SUB LOGIC FOR [ INPUT
1040 Y="[";O=1:GOSUB 800
1050 IF Z=0 AND S(0,1)="=" AND VAL(S(0,0))<>0 THEN N=0
1060 IF Z=0 AND S(0,1)="]" AND VAL(S(0,0))<>0 THEN N=0

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1070 L(Z)=N
1080 Z=Z+1
1090 N=0
1100 RETURN
1110 'SUB CHANGE SIGN
1120 IF D="" THEN S(Z,N-2)=STR$(-1*VAL(S(Z,N-2))) ELSE 1150
1130 Y=S(Z,N-2):O=2:GOSUB 800
1140 GOTO 1170
1150 D=STR$(-1*VAL(D))
1160 Y=D:GOSUB 800
1170 C="Z"
1180 RETURN
1190 'SUB LOGIC FOR M INPUT (MEMORY STORE)
1200 Y="MEMORY":O=2:GOSUB 800
1210 V=INKEY$:IF V="" THEN 1210
1220 IF D<>"" THEN 1240
1230 IF VAL(S(Z,N-1))>0 THEN M(VAL(V$))=S(Z,N-1) ELSE M(VAL(V$))=S(Z,N-2):GOTO
1250
1240 M(VAL(V))=D
1250 SYMBOL(300,33),V,1.5,3:IF O1=1 THEN LPRINT V;"=";
1260 Y=M(VAL(V)):O=1:GOSUB 800
1270 RETURN
1280 'SUB LOGIC FOR R INPUT (MEMORY RECALL)
1290 Y="RECALL":O=2:GOSUB 800
1300 V=INKEY$:IF V="" THEN 1300
1310 C=M$(VAL(V))
1320 SYMBOL(300,33),V,1.5,3:IF O1=1 THEN LPRINT V;"=";
1330 RETURN
1340 'SUB LOGIC FOR K INPUT
1350 IF N=0 THEN 1360:IF S(Z,N-1)="=" OR S(Z,N-1)="]" THEN 1420
1360 IF D<>"" THEN 1410:'DETECTS NUMERIC ENTRY IN PROGRESS
1370 C="Z":Y="KILL OPERATOR":O=2:GOSUB 800:'IF NOT NUMERIC, ASSUME OPERATOR
1380 IF N=0 AND Z>0 THEN Z=Z-1 ELSE 1400:'DETECTS "[" OPERATOR ENTRY TO KILL
1390 N=L(Z):GOTO 1420
1400 N=N-1:F1=1:GOTO 1420
1410 D="":Y="KILL ENTRY":O=2:GOSUB 800
1420 GOTO 110
1430 'SUB SPECIAL OPERATORS
1440 B1=(INSTR("SCTNXQWLP",C)-1)*3+1
1450 Y=MID$("SinCosTan1/Ne^XSqrX^yLn Prn",B1,3)
1460 O=1:GOSUB 800
1470 IF C="W" THEN GOSUB 1550:'WHEN C=W
1480 IF C="P" THEN 1540
1490 IF Z=0 AND S(0,1)="=" AND C<>"W" THEN N=0
1500 IF Z=0 AND S(0,1)="]" AND C<>"W" THEN N=0
1510 S(Z,N)=C
1520 N(Z,N)=4
1530 N=N+1
1540 RETURN
1550 'SUB WHEN C=W (POWER FUNCTION)
1560 IF N=2 AND S(Z,1)="=" THEN N=1 ELSE 1580
1570 GOTO 1620
1580 S(Z,N)=D
1590 N(Z,N)=0
1600 N=N+1
1610 D=""
1620 RETURN
1630 'SUB DISPLAY OPERATOR INPUT
1640 IF VAL(C)>0 OR INSTR("0.ED",C)>0 THEN 1680

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1650 IF N=2 THEN GOSUB 2230: 'LOGIC FOR = IN STACK IF NEXT INPUT OPERATOR
1660 F=1
1670 R=2.5:Y=C:O=0:GOSUB 800
1680 RETURN
1690 'SUB DISPLAY NUMERIC INPUT
1700 IF VAL(C)=0 AND INSTR("0.ED",C)=0 THEN 1750
1710 IF N=2 THEN GOSUB 2280: 'LOGIC IF = IN STACK IF NEXT INPUT NUMERIC
1720 D=D+C
1730 Y=D:O=0:GOSUB 800
1740 F=F+1
1750 RETURN
1760 'SUB PERFORM OPERATIONS
1770 IF C="=" AND D="" OR F1=1 THEN 1820
1780 IF VAL(C)>0 OR D="" OR INSTR("0.ED",C)>0 THEN 1880
1790 S(Z,N)=D:Y=D:O=1:GOSUB 850: 'INSERT NUMBER IN REGISTER & DISPLAY
1800 N(Z,N)=0: 'INSERT NUMERICAL HIERARCHY IN REGISTER
1810 N=N+1
1820 GOSUB 2320: 'DECIDE OPERATOR HIERARCHY
1830 S(Z,N)=C:Y=C:O=1:GOSUB 850: 'INSERT OPERATOR IN REGISTER & DISPLAY
1840 N(Z,N)=H: 'INSERT OPERATOR HIERARCHY IN REGISTER
1850 D=""
1860 N=N+1:IF F1=1 THEN F1=0
1870 GOSUB 2380: 'PERFORM FUNCTION IF READY
1880 RETURN
1890 'SUB LOGIC FOR ] INPUT
1900 IF C<>"]" THEN 2020
1910 L(Z)=N1
1920 Z=Z-1
1930 N=L(Z)
1940 S(Z,N)=S(Z+1,0)
1950 FOR X=0 TO N1+1:S(Z+1,X)="" :N(Z+1,X)=0:NEXT X
1960 N=N+1
1970 IF N<2 THEN 1990
1980 IF INSTR("SCTNXQWL",S(Z,N-2))>0 THEN GOSUB 2030
1990 IF N<>0 THEN S(Z,N)="]" :N=N+1
2000 GOSUB 2380
2010 IF S(Z,1)="]" THEN GOSUB 2180: 'DISPLAY RESULT
2020 RETURN
2030 'SUB PROCESS SPECIAL OPERATORS
2040 Z1=INSTR("SCTNXQLW",S(Z,N-2))
2050 IF Z1=0 THEN 2170
2060 ON Z1 GOTO 2070,2080,2090,2100,2110,2120,2130,2140
2070 S(Z,N-2)=STR$(SIN(VAL(PI)/180*VAL(S(Z,N-1)))):GOTO 2150
2080 S(Z,N-2)=STR$(COS(VAL(PI)/180*VAL(S(Z,N-1)))):GOTO 2150
2090 S(Z,N-2)=STR$(TAN(VAL(PI)/180*VAL(S(Z,N-1)))):GOTO 2150
2100 S(Z,N-2)=STR$(1/VAL(S(Z,N-1))):GOTO 2150
2110 S(Z,N-2)=STR$(EXP(VAL(S(Z,N-1))):GOTO 2150
2120 S(Z,N-2)=STR$(SQR(VAL(S(Z,N-1))):GOTO 2150
2130 S(Z,N-2)=STR$(LOG(VAL(S(Z,N-1))):GOTO 2150
2140 S(Z,N-3)=STR$(VAL(S(Z,N-3))^VAL(S(Z,N-1))):N(Z,N-3)=0:S(Z,N-1)="" :N=N-2:G
OTO 2170
2150 N(Z,N-2)=0
2160 N=N-1
2170 RETURN
2180 'SUB DISPLAY RESULT
2190 IF Y=S(0,0) THEN 2210
2200 O=1:Y=S(Z,0):GOSUB 800
2210 S(Z,1)=""
2220 RETURN

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2230 'SUB LOGIC FOR = IN STACK IF NEXT INPUT IS OPERATOR
2240 IF S(Z,N-1)<>"=" THEN 2270
2250 D=S(Z,N-2)
2260 N=N-2
2270 RETURN
2280 'SUB LOGIC FOR = IN REGISTER IF NEXT INPUT IS NUMERIC
2290 IF S(Z,N-1)<>"=" THEN 2310
2300 N=N-2
2310 RETURN
2320 'DECIDE OPERATOR HIERARCHY
2330 IF C="+" OR C="-" THEN H=1
2340 IF C="*" OR C="/" THEN H=2
2350 IF INSTR("SCTNXQWL",C)>0 THEN H=4
2360 IF C="=" OR C="]" THEN H=0
2370 RETURN
2380 'SUB PERFORM FUNCTION IF READY
2390 IF N<4 THEN 2500
2400 IF N(Z,N-3)<N(Z,N-1) AND N(Z,N-1)<>4 THEN 2500
2410 IF S(Z,N-3)="+" THEN S(Z,N-4)=STR$(VAL(S(Z,N-4))+VAL(S(Z,N-2)))
2420 IF S(Z,N-3)="-" THEN S(Z,N-4)=STR$(VAL(S(Z,N-4))-VAL(S(Z,N-2)))
2430 IF S(Z,N-3)="*" THEN S(Z,N-4)=STR$(VAL(S(Z,N-4))*VAL(S(Z,N-2)))
2440 IF S(Z,N-3)="/" THEN S(Z,N-4)=STR$(VAL(S(Z,N-4))/VAL(S(Z,N-2)))
2450 IF S(Z,N-3)="/" THEN S(Z,N-4)=STR$(VAL(S(Z,N-4))*100/VAL(S(Z,N-2)))
2460 S(Z,N-3)=S(Z,N-1):N(Z,N-3)=N(Z,N-1): 'MOVE DOWN OPERATOR
2470 FOR X=N-2 TO N-1:S(Z,X)="" :N(Z,X)=0:NEXT:'SET USED REGISTERS TO 0
2480 Y=S(Z,N-4):GOSUB 800:N=N-2
2490 GOTO 2390
2500 RETURN

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The program is a fixed format, database manager designed to allow rapid access of up to 104 "cards" (records). The user can add, delete, or edit individual cards as well as print them out or sort them. Each card consists of a 27-character index entry and up to 10 lines (50 characters each) of information. To give the appearance of a cardfile, the GET and PUT statements are used to draw card outlines.

To start the program from DOS, type BASIC "CARDFILE" /F:6.

The /F:6 is required if you plan on sorting your data, as six files must be open at once. Note: The F must be uppercase or the system will return to DOS. If you forget to use the /F:6, you will still be able to run the program but will receive an error if you try to sort the files. When the program is initially run, it looks for three files (CARDS1.DTA, CARDS2.DTA, and CARDS3.DTA). If they are not found, then they are created requiring about 55K of disk space. CARDS1.DTA is used to store the card index while CARD2.DTA and CARD3.DTA store the first five or the last five lines of each card. Another 55K of

space must also be on the disk to allow for the SORT option.

After file creation, or if a data set exists, the program will initialize by loading the index for all 104 cards on to an array. This allows for the rapid display of each card on the main screen as disk access is not required. The first eight cards are then displayed with the index value shown at the top of each card. If a card is blank, a line is drawn. An arrow indicates which card you are at. By using the plus (+) or minus (-) key (on the numeric keypad), you can scroll through the cards. Upon finding the desired card, hitting the RETURN key will select it for display. The entire card is drawn and any information that has been entered will be given. You are then given the option of returning to the main display and of editing, deleting or printing the card. New entries may be made by selecting a blank card or writing over an old one. When entering index values, be consistent so that any sorting you do will have the desired effect.

From the main screen you also have the options of ending the program by pressing the ESCAPE key, printing out all of the index values or sorting the data files. When printing out the index, only non-blank records will be listed. The sort used is a modified Shell sort which initially sorts the index array and then writes the sorted information to a new set of files. Upon completion, it deletes the original files and then renames the new files. The sort is actually based on the ASCII codes for the characters in the header and is case dependent. The order for the sort will be 0,1 . . . ,9,A,B,C . . . ,X,Y,Z,a,b,c . . . ,x,y,z. As a result, a sort involving the two headers: DOE, John and Doe, Aaron will result in DOE, John being listed first. While this might be an inconvenience, it can be used to your advantage if you want to make sure that important records are kept at the beginning of the file. To do this, simply place a space as the first character in the index entry.

As the program is currently written, you can rapidly scroll through the records

(eight at a time) by placing the arrow at the first or the eighth record on the screen and then pressing either the plus or minus key. The next or previous eight records will then be displayed. Alternate scrolling routines can be used by changing two lines in the program. To have the records scroll up or down one record at a time, make the following changes:

```
510 IF A$="-" AND J=2 AND COUNT>1
    THEN COUNT=COUNT-1:GOTO 390
520 IF A$="+" AND J=23 AND COUNT<
    104 THEN COUNT=COUNT+1:GOTO
    390
```

Another scrolling scheme which still scrolls eight records at a time but places the arrow at the next record can be accomplished by the following:

```
510 IF A$="-" AND J=2 AND COUNT>=9
    THEN COUNT=COUNT-8:LOCATE
    J,1:PRINT " ";J=23:GOTO 390
520 IF A$="+" AND J=2 AND COUNT<
    =92 THEN COUNT=COUNT+8:LOCATE
    J,1:PRINT " ";J=2:GOTO 390
```

While *CardFile* has been written to keep track of business cards, it can be used to keep track of any sort of information; for example, recipes. The index could be set up as food type, nature (e.g., Chicken, Kiev or Dough, Pizza). Sorting the index would then group all of the same food types together. You could then scroll down to chicken and pick a recipe. Other uses could include maintaining membership rolls or term paper notes.

Since the *CardFile* system only keeps track of a single set of data, it is advisable that each set of records be kept on separate disks along with a copy of the *CardFile* program. By adding the following

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Card File

By
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line, you can label each copy of the program so you can keep track of which data set you are working with:

```
485 LOCATE 12,60:PRINT~data set
name~;
```

I'm sure there are several uses or options for the program that I have not

considered. If you can think of any, I'd be happy to hear from you.

Modifications For GW-BASIC

The program can be easily modified to run under GW-BASIC. These changes, however, do not prevent it from running under Sanyo BASIC. When running GW-BASIC, load the program with BASIC CARDFILE /F:6 /S:250. The /S:250 will allow you to use a record length up to the 250 characters required by the program

(the default is 128).

Next, add the following line to the program:

```
5 KEY OFF:SCREEN 2
```

This will turn off the key labels and allow for high resolution graphics.

Since GW-BASIC does not allow you to use high resolution graphics and color at the same time you will also have to delete or omit all COLOR statements (lines 20, 170, 340, 430, 550, 610, 630, 750, 790, 800, 830, 840, 890, 960, and 970).

Listing 1: CARDFILE.BAS

```
10 OPTION BASE 1
20 CLS:COLOR 6:LOCATE 5,1:PRINT"CardFile"
30 LOCATE 12,1:PRINT"Initializing. Please hold ....."
40 DIM A%(9245),B%(2675),A$(105),B$(10),C$(10),P$(105),D$(10)
50 DEFINT I,J
60 OPEN "R",1,"CARDS1.DTA",27
70 OPEN "R",2,"CARDS2.DTA",250
80 OPEN "R",3,"CARDS3.DTA",250
90 FIELD #1, 27 AS AA$
100 FIELD #2, 50 AS B$(1), 50 AS B$(2), 50 AS B$(3), 50 AS B$(4), 50 AS B$(5)
110 FIELD #3, 50 AS B$(6), 50 AS B$(7), 50 AS B$(8), 50 AS B$(9), 50 AS B$(10)
120 ON ERROR GOTO 1210
130 GET 1,105
140 IF LEFT$(AA$,1)<> CHR$(255) THEN 1210
150 ON ERROR GOTO 0
160 FOR I=1 TO 105:GET 1,I:A$(I)=AA$:NEXT I
170 CLS:COLOR 3
240 G1$=CHR$(201):G2$=CHR$(205):G3$=CHR$(187):G4$=CHR$(186):G5$=CHR$(200):G6$=CHR$(188):G7$=CHR$(32):G8$=CHR$(95)
250 PRINT G7$;:PRINT G1$;:FOR X=1 TO 29:PRINT G2$;:NEXT:PRINT G3$
260 PRINT G7$;:PRINT G4$;:PRINT G7$;:FOR X=1 TO 27:PRINT G8$;:NEXT:PRINT G7$;:PRINT G4$
270 PRINT G7$;:PRINT G4$;:FOR X=1 TO 29:PRINT G7$;:NEXT:PRINT G5$;:FOR X=1 TO 22:PRINT G2$;:NEXT:PRINT G3$
280 REPS=0:WHILE REPS<10
290 PRINT G7$;:PRINT G4$;:PRINT G7$;:FOR X=1 TO 50:PRINT G8$;:NEXT:PRINT G7$;:PRINT G4$
300 REPS=REPS+1:WEND
310 PRINT G7$;:PRINT G5$;:FOR X=1 TO 52:PRINT G2$;:NEXT:PRINT G6$
```



```

320 LOCATE 1,1
330 GET (9,0)-(439,111),A$:GET (9,0)-(439,26),B%
340 CLS:COLOR 3
350 FOR I=0 TO 24*7 STEP 24
360 PUT (9,I),B%
370 NEXT I
380 COUNT=1:J=2
390 COLOR 7:FOR I=2 TO 23 STEP 3:LOCATE I,4
400 IF LEFT$(A$(COUNT+INT(I/3)),1)=CHR$(255) THEN PRINT "
";:GOTO 420
410 PRINT A$(COUNT+INT(I/3));
420 NEXT I
430 COLOR 6:LOCATE 1,60:PRINT"Card #";COUNT+INT(J/3);
440 LOCATE 3,60:PRINT"Esc to end";
450 LOCATE 4,60:PRINT"+ or - to scroll";
460 LOCATE 5, 60:PRINT"Enter to select";
470 LOCATE 8,60:PRINT"S to sort";
480 LOCATE 9,60:PRINT"P to print index";
490 LOCATE J,1:PRINT CHR$(26);
500 A$=INKEY$:IF A$="" THEN 500
510 IF A$="-" AND J=2 AND COUNT>=9 THEN COUNT=COUNT-8:GOTO 390
520 IF A$="+" AND J=23 AND COUNT<=92 THEN COUNT=COUNT+8:GOTO 390
530 IF A$="-" AND J>2 THEN LOCATE J,1:PRINT " ";J=J-3:LOCATE J,1:PRINT CHR$(26);
540 IF A$="+" AND J<23 THEN LOCATE J,1:PRINT " ";J=J+3:LOCATE J,1:PRINT CHR$(26)
;
550 IF A$=CHR$(13) THEN LOCATE 25,80:CLS:COLOR 3:PUT (9,0),A$:GOTO 610
560 IF A$="S" OR A$="s" THEN 970
570 IF A$="P" OR A$="p" THEN 1340
580 IF A$=CHR$(27) THEN CLOSE:CLS:PRINT"End":END
590 LOCATE 1,60:PRINT"Card #";COUNT+INT(J/3);:LOCATE J,1
600 GOTO 500
610 COLOR 6:LOCATE 25,1:PRINT"(E)dit, (D)delete, (P)rint or (R)eturn ";
620 RECORD=COUNT+INT(J/3):GET 1,RECORD:GET 2,RECORD:GET 3,RECORD
630 COLOR 6:LOCATE 2,4:IF LEFT$(AA$,1)<>CHR$(255) THEN PRINT AA$;
640 FOR I=1 TO 10:LOCATE I+3,4
650 IF LEFT$(B$(I),1)<> CHR$(255) THEN PRINT B$(I);
660 NEXT I:LOCATE 25,38
670 A$=INKEY$:IF A$="" THEN 670
680 IF A$="E" OR A$="e" THEN 730
690 IF A$="R" OR A$="r" THEN CLS:FOR J1=0 TO 24*7 STEP 24:PUT (9,J1),B%:NEXT J1:
LOCATE J,1:GOTO 390
700 IF A$="D" OR A$="d" THEN 960
710 IF A$="P" OR A$="p" THEN LPRINT"Card #";RECORD:LPRINT AA$:FOR I1=1 TO 10:LPR
INT B$(I1):NEXT I1:LPRINT:GOTO 610
720 GOTO 670
730 LOCATE 25,1:PRINT"CR to skip, * to end
740 LOCATE 21,20:PRINT"<----->";
750 LOCATE 20,1:PRINT"Header ";:COLOR 7:LOCATE 20,20:LINE INPUT HEADERS$
760 IF LEN(HEADERS$)=0 THEN 800
770 IF HEADERS$="*" THEN 610
780 HEADERS$=LEFT$(HEADERS$+"
",27)
790 COLOR 7:LOCATE 2,4:PRINT HEADERS$;
800 LOCATE 21,20:PRINT SPC(27);:COLOR 6
810 LOCATE 21,20:PRINT"<----->";
820 FOR I=1 TO 10
830 LOCATE 20,1:PRINT SPC(79);:LOCATE 20,1:COLOR 6
840 LOCATE 20,1:PRINT"Line #";I;":":LOCATE 20,20:COLOR 7:LINE INPUT C$(I)
850 IF LEN(C$(I))>50 THEN 830
860 IF LEN(C$(I))=0 THEN 900

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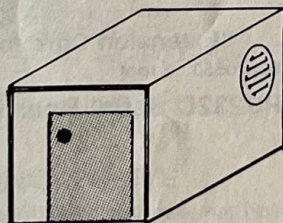

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870 IF C$(I)="*" THEN 910
880 C$(I)=LEFT$(C$(I)+
890 LOCATE I+3,4:COLOR 7:PRINT C$(I);
900 NEXT I
910 IF HEADER$<>"*" AND LEN(HEADER$)<>0 THEN LSET AA$=HEADER$:A$(RECORD)=HEADER$
:HEADER$=""
915 LOCATE 20,1:PRINT SPC(60);:LOCATE 21,1:PRINT SPC(70);
920 FOR I=1 TO 10
930 IF C$(I)<>"*" AND LEN(C$(I))>0 THEN LSET B$(I)=C$(I):C$(I)="
940 NEXT I:PUT 1,RECORD:PUT 2,RECORD:PUT 3,RECORD
950 GOTO 610
960 COLOR 6:HEADER$=CHR$(255):LOCATE 2,4:PRINT " _____";:FO
R I=1 TO 10:LOCATE I+3,4:PRINT"
";:C$(I)=CHR$(255):NEXT I:GOTO 910
970 COLOR 6:CLS:LOCATE 13,1:PRINT"Now sorting. Please hold ....."
980 FOR I=1 TO 105:P%(I)=I:NEXT I:D=2^INT(LOG(104)/LOG(2))-1
990 FOR I=1 TO 105-D:IF A$(P%(I))<A$(P%(I+D)) THEN 1040
1000 T%=P%(I+D):P%(I+D)=P%(I):IF I<=D THEN P%(I)=T%:GOTO 1040
1010 FOR J=I-D TO 1 STEP-D:IF A$(T%)>A$(P%(J)) THEN 1030
1020 P%(J+D)=P%(J):NEXT J
1030 P%(J+D)=T%
1040 NEXT I:D=INT(D/2):IF D>0 THEN 990
1050 LOCATE 15,1:PRINT"Now storing sorted files .....";
1060 OPEN "R",4,"CARDS1.Dat",27
1070 OPEN "R",5,"CARDS2.Dat",250
1080 OPEN "R",6,"CARDS3.Dat",250
1090 FIELD #4, 27 AS BB$
1100 FIELD #5, 50 AS D$(1), 50 AS D$(2), 50 AS D$(3), 50 AS D$(4), 50 AS D$(5)

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1110 FIELD #6, 50 AS D$(6), 50 AS D$(7), 50 AS D$(8), 50 AS D$(9), 50 AS D$(10)
1120 FOR I=1 TO 105:GET 1,P%(I):GET 2,P%(I):GET 3,P%(I)
1130 LSET B$=A$:FOR J=1 TO 10:LSET D$(J)=B$(J):NEXT J
1140 PUT 4,I:PUT 5,I:PUT 6,I:NEXT I
1150 CLOSE
1160 KILL "*.dta"
1170 NAME "cards1.dat" AS "cards1.dta"
1180 NAME "cards2.dat" AS "cards2.dta"
1190 NAME "cards3.dat" AS "cards3.dta"
1200 RUN
1210 CLS:LOCATE 5,1
1220 PRINT"Program created by Dr. James K. Hardy"
1230 PRINT"                        Department of Chemistry"
1240 PRINT"                        The University of Akron"
1250 PRINT"                        Akron, Ohio 44325"
1260 LOCATE 20, 1:PRINT"Now creating CARDSx.DTA files";
1270 FOR I=1 TO 105
1280 LSET A$=CHR$(255):FOR J=1 TO 10:LSET B$(J)=CHR$(255):NEXT J
1290 PUT 1,I:PUT 2,I:PUT 3,I
1300 LOCATE 22,1:PRINT"Card #";I;
1310 NEXT I
1320 CLOSE:CLS
1330 RUN
1340 CLS:LOCATE 10,1:PRINT"This routine will print out only the non-blank keys i
n the card.dta"
1350 PRINT"file. Your printer must be turned on and at top of form."
1360 PRINT"Hit the spacebar to start, any other key to abort"
1370 A$=INKEY$:IF A$="" THEN 1370
1380 IF A$<>" " THEN 340
1390 CLS:LOCATE 12,1:PRINT"Working ..... "
1400 TEST=0
1410 LPRINT:LPRINT"      Card#              Key"
1420 FOR I1=1 TO 104
1430 IF LEFT$(A$(I1),1)<>CHR$(255) THEN LPRINT "      ";I1;"      ";A$(I1):TEST=TEST+
1:TEST1=TEST1+1
1440 IF TEST>=54 THEN LPRINT CHR$(12):TEST=0:LPRINT:LPRINT"      Card#
      Key"
1450 NEXT I1
1460 LPRINT
1470 LPRINT "Total cards used = ";TEST1;" out of 104"
1480 LPRINT CHR$(12):GOTO 340

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Speeding Up WordStar

Editor:

The article by Charles Annis (SOFT SECTOR, August '85, Page 44) was great. *WordStar* now responds like it does on my CP/M computer. A previous hint on changing the delete keys was also appreciated.

Some of your readers may not be aware of a few other speed-up patches available using the *Install* program. You must enter the plus sign (+) at the menu in order to enter the following labels and their changes:

:DELMIS	00h	
:DELCUS	00h	
:DEL1	00h	
:DEL2	00h	
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:DEL4	00h--07h	Pause after sign-on message
:DEL5	00h	

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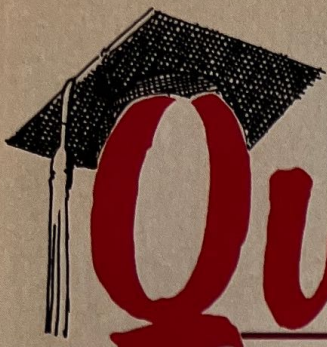
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Quiz Master

Computer literacy is a phrase you hear tossed around everywhere today. Major universities require that entering students purchase a computer of their own. Software manufacturers offer endless lists of programs designed to teach everything from the alphabet to the latest database operating system. Television advertisements tell parents that unless they buy a home computer little Johnnie will grow up with about as much future employment potential as a head of lettuce. Is the role played by computers in education as dramatic as we are led to believe?

I don't think anyone could honestly deny that computers can and do play an extremely important part in education and creative growth. But how is that potential transformed into actual accomplishment? Unless you are a confident programmer, the only recourse has been to purchase "educational software" from a software distributor or computer store. It may be necessary to purchase an entire set of programmed lessons in order to obtain a thorough knowledge of the material being taught. What's more, unless you just happen to be learning the material for self improvement, it's unlikely the format or the majority of the test material will follow your particular course or class outline. Finally, once you've completed all the lessons, what next? Most software packages are expensive and overly "basic" in their approach to the subject. The programs can't be easily altered or updated and eventually they begin to gather dust on your bookshelf or computer desk.

Quiz Master takes a different approach. If you are able to type the BASIC command PRINT, and know what a DATA statement is, you can construct your own educational software to satisfy any age category, difficulty level or subject material. The program contains less than 100 lines but is able to handle almost any type of testing format. The sample questions included in the listing are examples of multiple

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choice, true-false, mathematical addition, fill in the blank and even a special "audio" quiz question. In addition, *Quiz Master* can be toggled from silent operation to musical cues especially designed for younger computer users. If you are more familiar with BASIC, minor changes in the way new questions are displayed will allow mixing high-resolution graphics from programs similar to *Sketch-It* (SOFT SECTOR, January '85 Page 56) within the testing format. If this is done, identification of individual objects as complex as internal organs of the digestive system or as simple as squares, rectangles and triangles can comprise the test material. You decide.

Quiz Master was originally written for my personal use. One requirement I demanded was that questions always be asked in a completely random order. Additionally, if I couldn't remember the answer I wanted to be reminded of it, but then quizzed again before being allowed to quit. I also needed something that would accept any type of question format, even provide graphics if necessary. Most of all, I wanted to be able to come back to the program three years from when it was originally written and still be able to use it without having to spend hours pondering the code. *Quiz Master* accomplishes all this and has helped me learn everything from calculus equations to the operational codes for a CAD/CAM system. With the addition of the musical cues and tunes, even the younger children will find learning entertaining while you find it easy to tailor their lessons to fit their individual needs.

Quiz Master is so easy to use that the hardest part of creating your program will be deciding what the questions are going to be. As an example, suppose you wanted to create a program to teach states and capitals. All you need to do is write your question as a PRINT statement on the appropriate line number:

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PRINT "What is the capital of  
Alaska":GOTO 1000
```

Next stick the GOTO on the end of it and place your answer on a data line at the end of the program:

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DATA Juneau
```

That's all there is to it! The next question is entered in exactly the same way on the next allowable line number and its respective answer is placed after the word Juneau in the data line. *Quiz Master* does everything else. It will automatically count the number of questions contained in the exam, keep track of which questions have been asked and those which have been answered incorrectly. In addition, it will handle all input and output of responses, grade your exam and critique your performance. It even disables the BREAK key so that once it is running, even the most inexperienced users can be left alone without danger of program interruption.

The program has been organized into labeled modules to make the structure simpler and easier to understand. Multiple LINE statements are used to make the most efficient use of program memory. With a few exceptions, the code should be self explanatory but there are a few things worthy of special mention.

Lines 75 Through 85

Line 75 contains the title of the program. As you create your own quizzes, insert their titles into the place taken up by "Quiz Master Example" in the listing. Line 80 contains the BASIC command CONT N. This disables the BREAK key and makes it impossible to interrupt the operation of the program until it encounters a CONT command at another point in the program (see Line 1205). I would suggest leaving this out until you have debugged your typing and saved a copy to disk. Otherwise, if you become trapped in a loop the only remaining way to exit the program is to re-boot the entire system, thereby destroying all your efforts. Line 85 contains the variable AT TEMPT. This controls the number of times a missed question is repeated before the correct answer is given.

Question Storage

Questions are entered as PRINT statements. The way they are displayed on the screen may be as simple or as complex as you desire. Questions must begin on line numbers in increments of five and end with the statement GOTO 1000. Some

By Dan Webber

questions may require only one line. Others, like some of the examples in the listing, may require more than one line. Just make sure that any one question doesn't extend past five program lines or it will interfere with the following question. If involved graphics are required, I suggest branching to a subroutine where there is unlimited programming space and then returning when you are ready to accept user input. Take special care when typing lines 255 and 260. A missing comma or mistyped number in these two lines will cause some unexpected and elusive errors as you run the program. Finally, anytime you create a new program your questions must begin on Line 345 and continue sequentially up to, but not exceeding, Line 920 in increments of five. You cannot skip an expected line number.

Question Answers

Answers, separated by commas, are entered on a data line near the end of the program. If you need to supply an answer which contains a comma as part of the correct response, you must enclose the answer in quotation marks within the data line as follows:

DATA Juneau,45,"Rolla, MO",False

In this example ROLLA, MO (including the comma) is the correct answer corresponding to the third question in the hypothetical quiz. As previously explained, it is important that the order in which the answers are listed in the DATA statement be identical to that of the questions in the program section. For example, make sure that the third item in the data list corresponds to the third question in the program listing. The program line containing the word END must always be the last data line. If necessary you may change its line number to allow more room for DATA statements, but it *must always be the last data statement contained in the program*. Any DATA statements placed after this line will not be read.

One aspect of *Quiz Master* which may be a benefit or a hindrance depending on your point of view, is the use of the subroutine in Line 1225. Over the years as I used the predecessors of this program I found it annoying to type in a correct

response only to have the computer reject my answer because I had miscapitalized or included an extra "space." By channeling both the user input and the correct answer from the data list through subroutine 1225 they are stripped of any blank spaces and converted into all uppercase letters. These can then be compared regardless of how the correct answer was typed in. If your program requires a correct answer to be dependent on the use of capitalization or "spaces" it is a simple matter of removing the statement GOSUB 1225 from lines 1005 and 1010. Be advised, however, that if you come back to the quiz three months from now and forget the correct spacing of your answer, your Sanyo will be a very unforgiving taskmaster!

One last item is the use of the BASIC command SWAP in Line 1005. This command isn't documented in the *Sanyo Operator's Guide* supplied with the Sanyo but is much less cumbersome than the old method of "... A equals B ... B equals C ... and finally ... C equals A ...". It is much faster to say SWAP B,C.

Computers can assist in developing learning and recognition skills and *Quiz Master* will place that power into your own hands. You're no longer limited to purchasing "canned lessons" designed for "mass segments of the population." Given the ability to effortlessly tailor an educational program to suit one's individual needs and pace, the sky's the limit... and who knows, maybe not even that.

The listing: QUIZ.BAS

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5  ' *****
10 ' * 5/29/85
15 ' *
20 ' *
25 ' *
30 ' *
35 ' *
40 ' *
45 ' *
50 ' *
55 ' *
60 ' *
65 ' *****
70 :
75 TITLE$="Quiz Master Example"
80 COLOR 2,0:CLS:DEFINT T,D:DIM T(4,11),D(4,11):CONT N
85 ATTEMPT=2:X=315-LEN(TITLE$)*15/2
90 SYMBOL (X,20),TITLE$,2,2,3:LOCATE 9,28,0:W$=STRING$(60,32)
95 :
100 '----- LOAD MUSIC DRIVER
105 FOR A=256 TO 315:READ Z$:POKE A,VAL("&H"+Z$):NEXT A
110 DATA EB,2,0,0,FA,8B,EC,1E,C5,5E,8,8B,F,C5,5E,4,8B,17,E,1F,2E,89,E,2,1,B8,35
115 DATA 0,34,8,E6,3A,FE,CC,75,3,4A,74,9,E2,F7,2E,8B,E,2,1,EB,EC,34,8,3C,35,75
120 DATA 2,E6,3A,1F,CA,8,0
125 :
130 '----- LOAD TUNES INTO ARRAY

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135 FOR A=1 TO 4:FOR X=1 TO 11:READ T(A,X),D(A,X):NEXT X:NEXT A
140 DATA 344,190,344,140,344,70,344,120,290,140,308,70,308,90,344,50,344,70,360
145 DATA 80,344,200
150 DATA 81,2,72,90,60,100,72,40,67,70,60,210,72,90,60,100,72,40,67,70,60,210
155 DATA 108,60,121,40,112,50,108,80,144,30,136,50,128,40,162,50,108,30,81,100
160 DATA 162,200
165 DATA 108,30,81,20,64,40,53,60,64,1,64,130,108,30,81,20,64,40,53,60,64,130
170 :
175 '----- COUNT # QUESTIONS / READ ANSWERS INTO ARRAY
180 READ A$:IF A$="END" THEN 185 ELSE N=N+1:GOTO 180
185 RESTORE:FOR A=1 TO 148:READ Z$:NEXT A:DIM ANSWER$(N),STATUS(N)
190 PRINT"# of Questions:";:FOR A=1 TO N:PRINT TAB(43)A;:READ ANSWER$(A):NEXT A
195 :
200 :
205 CLS:INPUT"What is your name";NAM$:CLS
210 INPUT"Do you want to disable the sound function [Y/N]: ";SOND$
215 IF SOND$="Y" OR SOND$="y" THEN SOND=0 ELSE SOND=1
220 :
225 '----- BEGIN MAIN PROGRAM LOOPING
230 COLOR 2,0:CLS:PRINT "Serching....":IF ASKED=N THEN 1095
235 GUESS=0:RANDOMIZE VAL(MID$(TIME$,4,2)+RIGHT$(TIME$,2))
240 QUESTION=ABS(INT(RND*(1-(N+1)))):IF STATUS(QUESTION)<>0 THEN 235
245 CLS:LOCATE 8,10,0:ASKED=ASKED+1:SYMBOL(1,1),"Question #"+STR$(ASKED),1,2,3
250 :
255 ON QUESTION GOTO 345,350,355,360,365,370,375,380,385,390,395,400,405,410,415
,420,425,430,435,440,445,450,455,460,465,470,475,480,485,490,495,500,505,510,515
,520,525,530,535,540,545,550,555,560,565,570,575,580,585,590,595,600,605,610,615
,620,625,630
260 ON QUESTION-58 GOTO 635,640,645,650,655,660,665,670,675,680,685,690,695,700,
705,710,715,720,725,730,735,740,745,750,755,760,765,770,775,780,785,790,795,800,
805,810,815,820,825,830,835,840,845,850,855,860,865,870,875,880,885,890,895,900,
905,910,915,920
300 :
305 :
310 '_____ Question storage (end every question with "GOTO 1000")_____
315 :
345 PRINT "What is your Sanyo's best friend ?":GOTO 1000
350 PRINT "Jefferson City is the Capital of which state:":PRINT
351 PRINT TAB(20)"1. Iowa":PRINT TAB(20)"2. North Dakota"
352 PRINT TAB(20)"3. Missouri":PRINT TAB(20)"4. Delaware":GOTO 1000
355 PRINT TAB(30)" 7":PRINT TAB(30)" + 19":PRINT TAB(30)"-----":GOTO 1000
360 PRINT "True or False:":LOCATE 13,20,0
361 PRINT "Manzini is the capital of Swaziland, Africa":GOTO 1000
365 PRINT "In September of 1973 the South American country of _____"
366 PRINT TAB(8)"experienced a military coup disposing the freely elected"
367 PRINT TAB(8)"Socialist president Salvador Allende.":GOTO 1000
370 PRINT "Who was the composer of this music:":PRINT:PRINT TAB(30)"1. Mozart"
371 PRINT TAB(30)"2. Beethoven":PRINT TAB(30)"3. Chopin":GOSUB 1250:TA(1)=121
372 TA(2)=121:TA(3)=121:TA(4)=151:TA(5)=136:TA(6)=136:TA(7)=136:TA(8)=162
373 DA(1)=60:DA(2)=50:DA(3)=60:DA(4)=350:DA(5)=60:DA(6)=50:DA(7)=60:DA(8)=350
374 FOR A=1 TO 8:CALL 256,TA(A),DA(A):NEXT A:GOTO 1000
375 PRINT "What is the capital of Alaska":GOTO 1000
985 :
990 :
995 '----- CHECK FOR CORRECT ANSWER / CONTINUE OR END PROGRAM
1000 IF GUESS=ATTEMPT THEN 1065 ELSE LOCATE 20,10:PRINT "Your answer ";NAM$,
1005 LINE INPUT GUESS$:A$=GUESS$:GOSUB 1225:SWAP GUESS$,B$
1010 A$=ANSWER$(QUESTION):GOSUB 1225:IF B$<>GUESS$ THEN 1035

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1015 CLS:T=4:SYMBOL(155,90),CHR$(1)+" CORRECT !",4,6,3
1020 IF SOND=0 THEN GOSUB 1250:ELSE GOSUB 1270
1025 IF GUESS>0 THEN 230:ELSE STATUS(QUESTION)=1:GOTO 230
1030 :
1035 GUESS=GUESS+1:STATUS(QUESTION)=-1:GOSUB 1260
1040 IF GUESS>1 THEN 1045 ELSE IC=IC+1
1045 PRINT "Sorry ";NAM$;:IF GUESS=ATTEMPT THEN 1050 ELSE PRINT". Try again!";
1050 IF SOND=0 THEN GOSUB 1250:GOSUB 1260:GOTO 1000:ELSE D=15
1055 FOR T=376 TO 700 STEP 12:CALL 256,T,D:NEXT T:GOSUB 1260:GOTO 1000
1060 :
1065 PRINT "The correct answer is ";:COLOR 3:PRINT ANSWER$(QUESTION):COLOR 2
1070 T=3:GOSUB 1270:LOCATE 22,10,0
1075 PRINT "Remember this ";NAM$;," you will be asked again."
1080 PRINT TAB(18)"<Press any key to continue>";
1085 I$=INPUT$(1):CLS:STATUS(QUESTION)=-1:GOTO 230
1090 :
1095 CLS:PRINT " The quiz is now complete. Out of";N;" questions you answered"
1100 W=N-IC:P=INT(100*W/N)
1105 PRINT W;" correctly. This is a score of";P;" %":LOCATE 10,3,0
1110 COLOR 3:ON P/10 GOTO 1115,1120,1125,1130,1135,1140,1145,1150,1155,1160
1115 PRINT "Horrible! Absolutely HORRIBLE!!!":T=1:GOTO 1165
1120 PRINT "This is extremely bad !!! Go and Study!!!":T=1:GOTO 1165
1125 PRINT "Very poor performance ";NAM$;"....":T=1:GOTO 1165
1130 PRINT NAM$;," you failed this exam...":T=1:GOTO 1165
1135 PRINT "You got half right ";NAM$;". Don't give up!":T=1:GOTO 1165
1140 PRINT "Not too bad... try again":T=1:GOTO 1165
1145 PRINT "This is average. I know you can do better!":T=2:GOTO 1165
1150 PRINT "Superior performance. Good work!!!":T=2:GOTO 1165
1155 PRINT "Excellent!! You almost made a perfect score!!":T=2:GOTO 1165
1160 PRINT "AWESOME!! A perfect Score !!!!!!!":T=2
1165 GOSUB 1270:LOCATE 24,10,0:COLOR 1,3
1170 IF P=100 THEN 1190
1175 PRINT " Press any key to redo those that you missed ";:I$=INPUT$(1)
1180 FOR A=1 TO N:IF STATUS(A)=-1 THEN STATUS(A)=0:NEXT A:ELSE NEXT A
1185 ASKED=ASKED-IC:IC=0:GOTO 230
1190 INPUT " Would you like me to run the quiz again";I$
1195 IF I$="Y" OR I$="y" THEN RUN ELSE CLS
1200 SYMBOL (155,90),"Bye "+NAM$,1,3,0:GOSUB 1250:GOSUB 1250
1205 COLOR 2,0:CLS:CONT:END
1210 :
1215 ' Subroutine Storage Area
1220 :
1225 B$="":FOR B=1 TO LEN(A$):C=ASC(MID$(A$,B,1))
1230 IF C=32 THEN 1240 ELSE IF C>96 AND C<123 THEN C=C-32
1235 B$=B$+CHR$(C)
1240 NEXT B:RETURN
1245 :
1250 FOR T=1 TO 1000:NEXT T:RETURN
1255 :
1260 LOCATE 20,10:PRINT W$;:LOCATE 20,10:RETURN
1265 :
1270 IF SOND=0 THEN RETURN
1275 FOR A=1 TO 11:CALL 256,T(T,A),D(T,A):NEXT A:RETURN
1280 :
1285 ' Answer Storage (sequential)
1290 :
1295 DATA Soft Sector,3,26,False,CHILE,2,Juneau
1300 :
1305 DATA END:' ---- Do not REMOVE or Alter this line -----!!!!

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INPUT OUTPUT

TIM PURVES

Soft Sector Contributing Editor

Q. Using the Flight Simulator patch, I find that the joystick doesn't work. Do you have a fix for this?

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Diamond Bar, CA

A. One of the users on my BBS has enhanced my patch to include sound and joystick support. I am trying to talk him into writing an article about it.

Q. If I plug in an 8088-2, will this make my Sanyo run at eight megahertz?

Dale McKenna
Lompoc, CA

A. No, plugging an 8088-2 into your machine will do nothing but cost you money. To increase the speed of your Sanyo you would have to add an 8088-2 and modify the motherboard to run at a higher clock speed. One problem with increasing the clock speed of the motherboard is getting it to run reliably. Since the Sanyo was designed to run at 3.58 Mhz, some of the "chips" installed are only rated at 4 Mhz. To reliably speed up the Sanyo would require many chip changes and modifications to the motherboard.

Q. I have found that the TIME\$ function in BASIC is about 10 percent fast. Can I fix this?

Michael Braslavsky
Chicago, IL

A. The Sanyo clock runs slightly fast to compensate for the time the clock is turned off during disk I/O. You could reprogram the timer or add a real time clock such as Rocky Mountain Micro's or Tampa Bay Digital's clock interface board.

(Tim Purves is an expert on the Sanyo MBC-550/555 series computers and is an experienced programmer in assembly code, PASCAL, C and BASIC. He is available to answer any technical questions that the readers of SOFT SECTOR might have. All questions should be addressed to SOFT SECTOR, P.O. Box 385, Prospect, Ky. 40059.)

Q. According to the documentation that came with my DeSmet compiler, the Sanyo 555 is "ROM compatible" with the IBM PC. What does this mean? Also, how can I do a CLS in C?

Pat Smit
College Park, MD

A. The term ROM compatible simply implies that if a program makes use of the software interrupt functions, the program should run on the IBM or the Sanyo or any other BIOS ROM-compatible machines. Unfortunately, the ROM routines in the IBM are slow and cumbersome, so many programmers "write around" these routines and go directly to the hardware. To issue a CLS in DeSmet C you could include PCIO or enter this short little function in your program.

```
setmode(mode) /* mode is 2 for BW and 3 for COLOR */
{
    int mode;
    #asm
    mov al,[bp+4] ; get passed parm
    sub ah,ah ; function 0
    int 10h ; the video set mode interrupt
    #
}
locate(row,col) /* another useful function */
int row,col;
{
    #asm
    mov dh,[bp+4] ; row parm
    mov dl,[bp+6] ; column parm
    xor bx,bx ; page zero
    mov ah,2
    int 10h
    #
}
```

Typical use:

```
#include "stdio.h"
#define cls( ) setmode(2) /* defines cls to setmode(2) {BW cl} */

main(argc,argv)
int argc;
char **argv;
{
    int row,col;
    cls( ); /* screen cleared */
    for(row=col=0,row<25;){
        locate(row,col);
```



```
printf("row=%d, col=%d",row++,col++);
}
```

Q. I have a Novation J-CAT modem. I can't make it function on my Sanyo MBC-550 computer. Do you have any ideas?

Steven Capper
LaCrosse, WI

A. The reason the J-CAT modem doesn't work with the Sanyo is the same reason it doesn't work with many other computers. The J-CAT has a non-standard interface. With a true RS-232 interface, the signals must range from +3 to +12 for a high signal and -3 and -12 for a low signal, with the range between +3 and -3 as undefined. The J-CAT outputs a signal from zero to +5 or a TTL-compatible signal. Basically, the Sanyo never sees the low signal. One could build an interface using a 1488 and a 1489 to convert the TTL signals to the required RS-232 signals for the Sanyo.

Q. I would like to know the calling parameters for the RS-232 software Interrupt 14h.

Dale Ziebarth
Eagan, MN

A. Software Interrupt 14h is used to communicate with the RS-232 port on the Sanyo. This interrupt is, for the most part, compatible with the IBM. There are four functions available for controlling the RS-232.

Function 0 Reset RS-232 parameters.

Entry:

ah = 0									
al = bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	Baud Rate		Parity		Stop Bits		Word Length		
000 = 110	00 = none	0 = 1					00 = 5 bits		
001 = 150	01 = odd	1 = 2					01 = 6 bits		
010 = 300	11 = even						10 = 7 bits		
011 = 600							11 = 8 bits		
100 = 1200									
101 = 2400									
110 = 4800									
111 = 9600									

dx = Port to use (0-3) on IBM Ignored on Sanyo

Exit:

ax = line status { see function 3 }

Function 1 Transmit Character

Entry:

ah = 1
al = Character to send
dx = Port to use (0-3) on IBM Ignored on Sanyo

Exit:

al = Character sent
ah = line status (bit 7 set means timeout occurred)

Function 2 Receive Character

Entry:

ah = 2
dx = Port to use (0-3) on IBM Ignored on Sanyo

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Exit:

al = Character received

ah = Line status (bit 7 set if no character read in)

Function 3 Get Line Status

Entry:

ah = 3

dx = Port to use (0-3) on IBM ignored on Sanyo

Exit:

al = modem status (bit set if true)

bit 7 = Carrier Detect *

bit 6 = Ring Indicator *

bit 5 = Data Set Ready

bit 4 = Clear to send *

bit 3 = Delta Carrier Detect *

bit 2 = Trailing Ring Indicator *

bit 1 = Delta Data Set Ready *

bit 0 = Delta Clear to Send *

ah = RS-232 Status

bit 7 = Timeout Occurred

bit 6 = Xmitter Shift Register Empty *

bit 5 = Xmitter Hold Register Empty

bit 4 = Break Detected

bit 3 = Framing Error

bit 2 = Parity Error

bit 1 = Overrun Error

bit 0 = Data Ready

* denotes always False (=0) on the Sanyo



Helpful Hint . . .

Conversion Charts

If you are using Michael J. Himowitz's great program, "Sanyo Bigprint" (July '85), or otherwise need to refer to the ASCII equivalent of characters, it is inconvenient to keep digging out the manuals and finding the conversion charts. By using one of the following BASIC programs, you can have a compact slip of paper with the ASCII numbers and characters taped to the front of your printer or some other handy location.

For a seven-row listing of the characters corresponding to ASCII numbers 32 through 126, use the following:

```
10 FOR A=32 TO 126
20 LPRINT A;CHR$(A);
30 NEXT
```

If you have a dot matrix printer you may want to substitute FOR A=1 TO 255 for Line 10, which will give a listing of 18 rows.

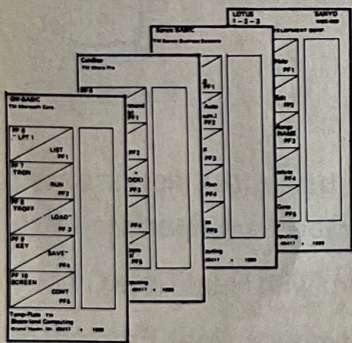
For a longer, but neater list of 19 rows, use the following:

```
10 FOR A=32 TO 126
20 LPRINT A;CHR$(A);
30 NEXT
```

The difference between this program and the first is that there is a comma at the end of Line 20.

Bruce A. White
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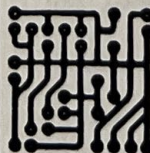
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Got a lot of envelopes to mail?

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Envelope Addresser

By Wayne R. Sipler

Would you like to have neatly typed envelopes but lack a typewriter? If so, this program is for you. It will allow you to use your computer and printer to do the addressing and

(Wayne Sipler, a chief nuclear medicine technologist, has worked with computers since the early 1970s. He has owned a Sanyo 555-2 since July 1984. Wayne has written many programs for image data collection and analysis. He may be contacted at Prospect Hill Apts. #1-6A, Flemington, NJ 08822; 201-782-4380.)

will also let you correct your mistakes.

Once you have the program entered into your computer, you must change the DATA statements in lines 110 through 150. Just enter your own return address information by following the sample format provided in the program ("name," "street address," "city, state and zip"). If you don't need four return addresses, set the unused ones to NULL strings ("",""). You must have four sets of data for this program to function properly. The character string INITPRINT\$ in Line 180 is used to initialize your printer to a specified condition. The current value sets an

Epson printer "paper out" sense to "OFF." You should change this to meet the needs of your printer (letter quality, double-strike, etc).

The string in Line 190, RESPRINT\$ performs a printer reset after printing. Also, change the values of this string as necessary. If you do not need these functions, you may disregard them. They are only sent if the printer initialize prompt is answered "Yes."

The colors used in this program were set for a Sanyo CRT-70 color monitor. If you are using a monochrome monitor or have a different color preference, you can change the colors by setting the variables KOLOR1, KOLOR2, KOLOR3 and KOLORB in Line 180 to your own values. Refer to the variable list to determine how each is used.

The program is self-explanatory. It is designed to be used with envelope sizes six and nine. I use an Epson FX-80 printer and it is possible to use the more common number 10 envelopes by moving the pin-feed mechanisms to their maximum opening, but the return address will be printed farther from the left margin than is desirable. If you don't have friction feed on your printer, you will have to purchase your envelopes on carriers or try taping them to pin feed paper.

If you wish to better understand the way this program operates or wish to modify it, please refer to the accompanying program description and variable list.

Variable List

N\$	Return address name
A\$	Return street address
T\$	Return City, State and ZIP
N1\$	Addressee
A1\$	Addressee street address Line 1
A2\$	Addressee street address Line 2
T1\$	Addressee City
S\$	Addressee State
C\$	Addressee ZIP Code
A3\$	Attention to:
KOLOR1	Normal text color
KOLOR2	Highlight color
KOLOR3	Opening screen color
KOLORB	Background color (normally zero)
INITPRINT\$	Printer initialize string
RESPRINT\$	Printer reset string
PRINTER\$	Printer initialization needed (yes/no)
BLANK\$	String consisting of 79 spaces
NUMBER\$	Return address selection
E\$	Envelope size
D	Number of return addresses
X,C	Tab values
D\$,N,Q\$,Q,I	Transient variables

Program Description

10 to 90	Header
100	Set up error trap

110	Number of return addresses
120 to 150	DATA Statements for return addresses
180 to 190	Printer initialize and de-initialize strings
200	Initialize variables
210 to 220	Create a blank line 79 characters long
230	Restart point
240 to 310	Opening screen
320 to 340	Set up return address array
350 to 410	Format screen for return address selection
420 to 440	Make return address selection and check for proper range
450	Set return address variables
460 to 600	Input Address information
610 to 620	Draw envelope on screen
630	Make stamp
640 to 670	Put return address on envelope
680 to 720	Put address on the envelope
730 to 750	See if editing is needed
760 to 860	Set up edit screen
870 to 890	Prompt for number to change and check range of answer
900 to 920	Go to proper line for edit
930 to 1030	Make changes to your selection
1040 to 1070	Select and set proper tabs for envelope size
1080	Allow sending control codes to printer
1090 to 1120	Check printer ready before starting to print
1130	Send printer control code if PRINTER\$=YES
1140 to 1240	Print envelope
1250	Send printer reset code if PRINTER\$=YES
1260 to 1350	Set up exit screen selections
1360 to 1410	Make selection
1420	Traps non-numeric error in Line 860 and restores the proper screen colors and prints the error number and line for any other error

The listing: ENVELOPE.BAS

[illegible]


```

520 PRINT
530 COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT " Address line 2: ";TAB(X);:COLOR KOLOR2,KOLORB:LINE
NE INPUT "",A2$
540 PRINT
550 IF A2$="" THEN LOCATE CSRLIN-2,1:PRINT BLANK$;CHR$(13);
560 COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT " City or Town: ";TAB(X);:COLOR KOLOR2,KOLORB:LINE
INPUT; "",T1$
570 COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT TAB(POS+3);" State: ";:COLOR KOLOR2,KOLORB:PRINT "
";:LINE INPUT; "",S$
580 COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT TAB(POS+3);" Zip code: ";:COLOR KOLOR2,KOLORB:PRIN
T " ";:INPUT "",C$
590 PRINT:PRINT
600 COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT " Attention To: ";TAB(X);:COLOR KOLOR2,KOLORB:LINE
INPUT "",A3$
610 CLS
620 LINE(15,39)-(619,160),KOLOR2,BF
630 LINE(580,42)-(612,68),KOLOR1,BF:CIRCLE(596,55),14,,.8,KOLOR2:SYMBOL(582,45)
,CHR$(4),4,3,KOLOR3:SYMBOL(586,52),"22"+CHR$(155),1,1,KOLORB
640 COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR2
650 LOCATE 6,3:PRINT N$
660 LOCATE 7,3:PRINT A$
670 LOCATE 8,3:PRINT T$
680 LOCATE 12,X:PRINT N1$
690 LOCATE 13,X:PRINT A1$
700 LOCATE 14,X:IF A2$<>"" THEN PRINT A2$
710 LOCATE CSRLIN,X:PRINT T1$;",";S$;" ";C$
720 IF A3$<>"" THEN LOCATE 20,3:PRINT "ATTENTION: ";A3$
730 COLOR KOLOR1,KOLORB
740 LOCATE 24,3:PRINT "Is this correct? ";:D$=INPUT$(1)
750 IF D$="Y" OR D$="y" THEN GOTO 1040
760 CLS:COLOR KOLOR2,KOLORB
770 LOCATE 1,1:PRINT " 1. ";:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT " Return name - ";:COLOR
KOLOR2,KOLORB:PRINT TAB(36);N$
780 LOCATE 3,1:PRINT " 2. ";:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT " Return address - ";:COL
OR KOLOR2,KOLORB:PRINT TAB(36);A$
790 LOCATE 5,1:PRINT " 3. ";:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT " Return city, state and
zip - ";:COLOR KOLOR2,KOLORB:PRINT TAB(36);T$
800 LOCATE 8,1:PRINT " 4. ";:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT " Addressee - ";:COLOR KO
LOR2,KOLORB:PRINT TAB(36);N1$
810 LOCATE 10,1:PRINT " 5. ";:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT " Address line #1 - ";:C
OLOR KOLOR2,KOLORB:PRINT TAB(36);A1$
820 LOCATE 12,1:PRINT " 6. ";:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT " Address line #2 - ";:C
OLOR KOLOR2,KOLORB:PRINT TAB(36);A2$
830 LOCATE 14,1:PRINT " 7. ";:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT " City or town - ";:COLO
R KOLOR2,KOLORB:PRINT TAB(36);T1$
840 LOCATE 16,1:PRINT " 8. ";:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT " State - ";:COLOR KOLOR
2,KOLORB:PRINT TAB(36);S$
850 LOCATE 18,1:PRINT " 9. ";:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT " Zip code - ";:COLOR KO
LOR2,KOLORB:PRINT TAB(36);C$
860 LOCATE 21,1:PRINT "10. ";:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT " Attention to: - ";:COL
OR KOLOR2,KOLORB:PRINT TAB(36);A3$
870 LOCATE 24,1:PRINT BLANK$;
880 COLOR KOLOR1,KOLORB:LOCATE 24,1:PRINT "Number of item to change ( Return to
exit) : ";:COLOR KOLOR2,KOLORB:INPUT "",Q$:IF Q$="" THEN 610 ELSE Q=VAL(Q$)
890 IF Q<1 OR Q>10 THEN 870
900 POSITION=VAL(MID$("01030508101214161821",Q*2-1,2))
910 LOCATE 24,1:PRINT BLANK$;:LOCATE 24,6:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT "
Enter changes - Press Return Key when finished ";:COLOR KOLOR2,KOLORB
920 LOCATE POSITION,36:PRINT LEFT$(BLANK$,43);:LOCATE POSITION,36

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```

930 ON Q GOTO 940,950,960,970,980,990,1000,1010,1020,1030
940 LINE INPUT N$:GOTO 870
950 LINE INPUT A$:GOTO 870
960 LINE INPUT T$:GOTO 870
970 LINE INPUT N1$:GOTO 870
980 LINE INPUT A1$:GOTO 870
990 LINE INPUT A2$:GOTO 870
1000 LINE INPUT T1$:GOTO 870
1010 LINE INPUT S$:GOTO 870
1020 INPUT "",C$:GOTO 870
1030 LINE INPUT A3$:GOTO 870
1040 E$=""
1050 LOCATE 24,3:PRINT "(S)mall or (L)arge envelope? ";:E$=INPUT$(1)
1060 IF E$="s" OR E$="S" THEN X=18
1070 IF E$="l" OR E$="L" THEN X=35
1080 LOCATE 24,3:PRINT "Does your printer need initialization (Y or N)? ";PRINTE
R$=INPUT$(1)
1090 LOCATE 23,3:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR1:PRINT "          Position the printhead at the
upper left corner of the envelope.          "
1100 LOCATE 24,3:          PRINT "          Type return when you are ready to
begin printing.          "
1110 COLOR KOLOR1,KOLORB
1120 Q$=INPUT$(1):IF Q$=CHR$(27) THEN 610
1130 IF PRINTER$="y" OR PRINTER$="Y" THEN LPRINT INITPRINT$;
1140 LPRINT
1150 LPRINT TAB(2);N$
1160 LPRINT TAB(2);A$
1170 LPRINT TAB(2);T$
1180 FOR I=1 TO 6:LPRINT:NEXT
1190 LPRINT TAB(X);N1$
1200 LPRINT TAB(X);A1$
1210 IF A2$<>"" THEN LPRINT TAB(X);A2$
1220 LPRINT TAB(X);T1$;",";S$;" ";C$
1230 FOR I=1 TO 6:LPRINT:NEXT
1240 IF A3$ <>"" THEN LPRINT TAB(4);"Attention: ";A3$
1250 IF PRINTER$="y" OR PRINTER$="Y" THEN LPRINT RESPRINT$
1260 CLS:SYMBOL(160,50),"SELECTIONS AVAILABLE",2,2,KOLOR2
1270 C=22
1280 LOCATE 12,1
1290 PRINT TAB(C);:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR2:PRINT " A ";:COLOR KOLOR1,KOLORB:PRINT "
Address another envelope."
1300 PRINT
1310 PRINT TAB(C);:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR2:PRINT " R ";:COLOR KOLOR1,KOLORB:PRINT "
Repeat print current envelope."
1320 PRINT
1330 PRINT TAB(C);:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR2:PRINT " E ";:COLOR KOLOR1,KOLORB:PRINT "
Exit to MSDOS System level."
1340 PRINT
1350 PRINT TAB(C);:COLOR KOLORB,KOLOR2:PRINT " F ";:COLOR KOLOR1,KOLORB:PRINT "
Finish and remain in Basic."
1360 LOCATE 24,1:PRINT "Enter your selection: ";:Q$=INPUT$(1)
1370 IF Q$="a" OR Q$="A" THEN 350
1380 IF Q$="r" OR Q$="R" THEN 610
1390 IF Q$="e" OR Q$="E" THEN SYSTEM
1400 IF Q$="f" OR Q$="F" THEN CLS:END
1410 GOTO 1260
1420 IF ERR=2 AND ERL=880 THEN RESUME 870 ELSE COLOR 2,0:LOCATE 25,1:PRINT "Erro
r #";ERR;"in line number";ERL:END

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REVIEWS

Software review

Disk Catalog System — A Simple Catalog Program

Every time I open a computer magazine I see a program designed to catalog disk collections. I've looked at a few of them and didn't care for any. Most were cumbersome to use and just not worth the trouble. I have also tried a few of the commercial products and didn't care for them either. *Disk Catalog System* by Palm Bay Software has changed my opinion. Here, at last, is one I like.

DCS is thorough and easy to use. It will run on the 555 as well as on any IBM compatible I tried. It comes pre-installed for the 555 but includes installation software that will make it work on any terminal (or printer) you are likely to need.

Documentation comes on one of the two disks supplied in the package. You can create the document in hard copy form by using the DOS PRINT command or by loading it into *WordStar* as a non-document file. The documentation is good. It covers everything you need to run the program. Actually, *DCS* is so simple to use that you may never need the documentation. There is a READ.ME file and I found the information in that to be adequate for use of the software.

DCS loads into memory so that a separate data disk can be put into Drive A while the disk to be cataloged is in Drive B. Just keep feeding it disks until you run out of room. Then put in another and keep going.

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In short, *DCS* is a worthwhile software addition.

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— Jim Pile

Software review

Turbo Toolkit — PASCAL Graphics And More!

One of the best things about Sanyo BASIC is its spectacular graphics. Other versions of BASIC have some graphics commands, but virtually all are inferior. One of the worst things about Sanyo BASIC is that it is an interpreted language and thus, is pretty slow. Also, BASIC is not a particularly good language for writing (and reading) complex programs. There are many good compilers available for the Sanyo, including several BASIC compilers, but most do not support all of the graphics. Now, thanks to Migraph Software, we can have the best of both worlds.

Turbo Toolkit is a collection of files of source code which can be inserted in Turbo PASCAL programs to implement various procedures. For graphics, there are routines to change the colors and draw arcs, lines, ellipses, and either blank or colored circles and rectangles. There are also routines to execute PUT and GET, save and load full screens from disk files, set up graphics windows, implement two graphics fonts for enlarged text and an analogue of BASIC's SYMBOL command. Included as well, are a few files for controlling a Mouse Systems' mouse. Almost fifty files in all.

The graphics routines use the same Cartesian coordinate system as Sanyo BASIC. In fact, most of the equivalents are

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provided in the documentation. The results are of similar quality as well. As far as I can tell, the only major Sanyo BASIC graphics command that is not provided here is PAINT (and this is promised in an inexpensive extension this fall).

PASCAL is an ideal language for a package like this since it allows (and encourages) the programmer to use functions and procedures that are somewhat autonomous from the rest of the program. Borland's *Turbo PASCAL* makes it even easier since it supports commands to insert disk files into programs at compile time. To put some of *Turbo Toolkit's* routines into a program, one need only write commands like \$I ARC.PAS. The package also contains a "frame" program that declares the relevant global variables (and constants) and contains the "include" commands.

There is only one "flaw" in the actual program. The routine for compressing a screen to a small disk file will not work until some of the comments are removed. There are also a few mistakes in the documentation, but none of these should cause any trouble. There are references to a file called README.DOC and to a page for users with more than 256K, but neither of these are provided. Also, each command discussed in the documentation contains a list of the files that must be included for it to work. In a few cases, the file SETPLANE was omitted. Paul Mazurek, the author of the program, indicated that all of these items would be corrected immediately and that those who have already purchased the program can call the toll-free number for the relevant information.

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Scripture Memory — Learning Bible Verse The Easy Way

Scripture Memory is a database for memorizing Bible scripture. It was written in BASIC specifically for the Sanyo MBC-550/555 and utilizes its color and graphics capabilities to the best advantage. The program runs from a main menu, is user-friendly and comes with decent documentation.

SCRPOUT.BAS, the main program, is almost 23K which prohibits its loading on a 128K machine. One SS/DD drive, and a monochrome or color monitor, rounds out the minimum system requirements. To optimize the program's use, a printer is strongly recommended.

Scripture Memory utilizes the technique of associating topic, reference and verse for scripture memory. The easiest way to describe this program is to explain each option of the main menu which is called with function keys as follows:

PF1, Add A New Verse — You are prompted to enter, with maximum spaces as indicated, the topic (16), reference (16) and verse (224). Enter the verse as if using your word processor. Don't hyphenate or add extra spaces to avoid splitting a word on the screen line, as the program will take care of this for you. Once everything is entered, you are given a final chance to review the entire entry prior to actually entering it into the database.



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PF3, Back Review — As you continue to enter verse, a Back Review file is created from those in excess of the most current 10. In this review, five randomly selected entries from the appropriate file are presented.

PF4, Performance Review — This is a nice bar chart illustrating the percentage of correct answers year to date, current month and current session for both the current and back reviews.

PF5, Review Of Current Misses and PF6, Review Of Back Misses — Verse missed in the corresponding review during the current session is displayed with an option to send all or any to the printer.

PF7, Print Entire Current Review and PF8, Print Today's Back Review — Allows you to obtain a hard copy of the verse to study at another time or place.

PF9, Word Search Through Back Review — Allows you to search for a specific word or phrase in the topics, references or the verse. When a hit is found, you can print the verse, proceed with the search or exit. The search is painfully slow. Another option, to automatically send all verse found to the printer, allows you to utilize this time to review the listings from PF5 through PF8.

PF10, Change Program — This is an installation option which allows you to customize the program as follows:

- 1) Drive where the Back Review file is located.
- 2) Size of the Back Review (PF3) — 40 maximum.
- 3) Colors of background, Current Review and "other" options.

The program provides a unique, easy and fun way to learn Bible verse. In addition to the program, an optional \$5 Back Review file is available with verse from the Navigator's Topical Memory System. Verse in both Current and Back Review files are from the 1983 Edition New King James Version Bible.

An IBM version of the program is also available.

(Bill Branham, 42690 Saltz Rd., Canton, MI 48187, \$20, Navigator's Topical Memory System, \$5)

— Bob MacDonald

Have you ever noticed that *WordStar* seems a bit sluggish on the Sanyo? It scrolls slowly and the menus come up whenever they're good and ready. For a long time, I have found it to be very irritating. Now there is a solution. A program called *FastStar* will make *WordStar* scroll smoothly and quickly. Menus will seem to flash on the screen.

The literature which comes with *FastStar* says the screen output operations increase by a factor of three. It claims an even more dramatic increase when using the Video RAM Board. I can verify the speed increase on the standard MBC-555, but I have not tried *FastStar* on a machine with the video board.

Unfortunately, there is a catch. There is no color when using *FastStar*. PT Software, the producer, says it should run color when using the Video RAM Board. They had not tested that theory at the time the literature I received was written. If you have a Video RAM Board and wish to run *WordStar* with it in color, I suggest you contact PT software for the latest information.

If you don't have the Video RAM Board, you will clearly have to decide between color and speed. If you are using a monochrome monitor, as I am, then by all means purchase a copy of *FastStar*. You won't regret it for a moment. The smooth scrolling alone is worth the price. Remember though, it isn't just better scrolling you get with *FastStar*. All screen outputs are dramatically quicker.

The Sanyo scrolls slowly because all three primary colors exist as separate screens. The three screens move at the same time causing things to slow down. There are patches available to eliminate two of the screens. This gives you one monochrome screen to move and speed things up considerably. *FastStar* patches into the WS.COM file directly. Instead of the standard DOS call for screen output, the *FastStar* patch causes *WordStar* to print directly to the screen.

If you would like to see how the Sanyo version of *WordStar* works, load it on an IBM or a compatible. You will see the same slow screen that you have on your Sanyo. Now, try to load the IBM version on the Sanyo. The screen will display the function key assignments at the bottom of the screen and that's all. This little experiment tells the whole story. The IBM

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Spell — In Search Of The Elusive Typo

version prints directly to the screen and the Sanyo version prints through DOS. The Sanyo version works on the IBM because the DOS calls are compatible. The IBM version doesn't work on the Sanyo because the screen address is different from the IBM. So, *FastStar* makes the Sanyo version of *WordStar* operate in a similar manner to that of the IBM version.

Included on the *FastStar* diskette is as good a RAM disk as I have seen for the Sanyo. It allows 16K to 160K and, like the IBM VDISK, it automatically positions itself after the last logical drive. It is activated in CONFIG.SYS and remains activated until the computer is rebooted. All the necessary *WordStar* files will load into a 73K RAM disk. When you use the RAM disk, don't forget to install *WordStar* for the proper default drive. That will normally be Drive E since the Sanyo already has four logical drives.

The combination of *FastStar*, *WordStar* and a RAM disk is hard to beat. Using *WordStar* becomes more pleasant than you might imagine.

I like *FastStar*. I recommend it to anyone with a monochrome monitor. As for those of you with color, you'll have to decide whether the color is worth giving up for a fast *WordStar*.

(PT Software, 149-C Overmount Ave., West Paterson, NJ 07424, 201-890-0656, \$20)

— Jim Pile

Until recently, it was my considered opinion that spelling programs were basically useless. Why, I would reason, do I need a software program to tell me whether or not my spelling is accurate? I'm a writer, for heaven's sake! If I'm unsure of a word, I look it up, right then.

My initial forays into spelling programs left me with the notion that I'd spend a lot of time instructing the program to ignore words that began with a capital letter, or utilized some sort of colloquialism like "Wouldja?" or "Didja?"

And then I remembered this friend in college, a real brain, who would blithely turn in final papers with words like "sertain" or "tabel." I reasoned that while such programs might not be useful to me, there was, perhaps, a niche for them in the world of the poor speller.

So it was, with a bias, that I slipped The Software Toolworks *Spell* program onto my *WordStar* disk and proceeded to check a few stories.

The documentation for *Spell* is prepared for a variety of users. The introduction defines these users, provides an explanation of what the program does and details storage requirements.

Spell uses a root dictionary and a table of common prefixes and suffixes. This allows it to recognize more than 50,000 English words. (Microsoft's *SpellStar*, which came with your Sanyo, recognizes approximately 20,000.)

Skip immediately to Section 2.4 and you receive instructions on copying the three *Spell* programs onto your *WordStar* disk. If you get an "Invalid number of parameters" message, try again and make sure there is no space between the drive letter and the name of the file you're copying. In other words, COPY B:SPELL.EXE, not COPY B: SPELL.EXE. Once copied, keep in mind that the various *Spell* programs cannot be accessed directly through *WordStar*. In order to utilize them, you must first exit to System ('X' on *WordStar*'s Opening Menu) and then execute *Spell*.


As I had suspected would happen, I was immediately accused of misspelling my name, my hometown and a variety of words like "bringin" "idiosyncratic" (which I knew was spelled correctly) and "Dunkin' Donuts."

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(WordStar mode; Quick Menu, 'F') you can locate it. You can also add words to the dictionary, ignore ones that you don't use often, start back at the top of the list if you think you've made a mistake and add a word "root" where you find it necessary.

The Root function is designed so that if, for example, *Spell* has flagged the word "restored" as an error you could, by adding its root ("store") to the dictionary, get the program to not only recognize "restored," but "restore," "storing" and "stores" as well.

When *Spell* is through with your instructions about the individual words, it asks whether you are ready to have the file marked and the dictionary updated. The first time I said "Yes" to this, I received an ominous message — "Trouble writing new dictionary. Delete old dictionary before writing?" (Risky!)

Not sure of just what the problem was, I said "no" and *Spell* just marked my document. The problem was space on the WordStar disk. I had copied *Spell* onto a master disk, complete with DOS, WordStar, *SpellStar*, and MailMerge, so that when it came time for *Spell* to make some adjustments in the dictionary, it asked for some storage (breathing room) by requesting permission to delete the old dictionary. The risk involved is that if Murphy's Law asserts itself (i.e., with a deadly power failure or surge) while the dictionary is in limbo, the original is gone. But, if you're working from a copy, as you should be, then there will only be the minor inconvenience of recopying the original back onto your working disk.

In running *Spell*, you may select many options, using one or more switches in the command line. These switches will access a variety of features including the ability to change your text marking character (from '#' to '&', for example), create a file of misspelled words, utilize a different dictionary, ignore certain control characters in a text or add a list of words.

As the documentation is quick to point out in its "Limitations of *Spell*" section, "*Spell* is not perfect and cannot detect every error you make. It has three major limitations. It cannot check usage. It does not know every English word and it can occasionally fail to catch an error."

This means that it cannot tell you whether your use of the word "affected" should be "effected" or whether you typed "rather then" for "rather than." Because *Spell* knows common prefixes and suffixes, it will happily accept your use of the word "bued" instead of "bought."

Because of the method used to encode its dictionary (a method chosen to store the dictionary in a relatively small disk space and provide fast lookup of words), *Spell* will occasionally let a nonexistent word slip through. The error factor increases as the size of the dictionary grows. Adding 1,000 words to the existing dictionary (DICTNARY.SPL) will increase the error factor by four-tenths of a percent. Interestingly enough, the

error factor on CP/M machines is much larger than that of machines utilizing MS-DOS. We Sanyo users make out on that deal.

My conversion to belief in the program's usefulness changed when I invoked *Spell* to check a document I had been sending out for weeks to magazines. The program detected a typographical error that I had overlooked in spite of repeated proofreading. It is, indeed, much quicker to check *Spell's* list of words than it is to go through 15 pages of a document looking for them. In addition, it also became clear that I had severely underestimated the number of words in this particular document (BC, before computer, I used a "count the words on three pages, divide by three and multiply times number of pages" formula). If nothing else, I knew I'd be using the program in the future to do the counting for me. (*SpellStar* performs both of these functions, as well. The two programs, however, gave me a different "total number of words" figure.)

Spell is an effective program. It performs its tasks quickly and (with aforementioned error factor), well. It is simple to use and requires very little referencing to the documentation once the basic commands have been learned.

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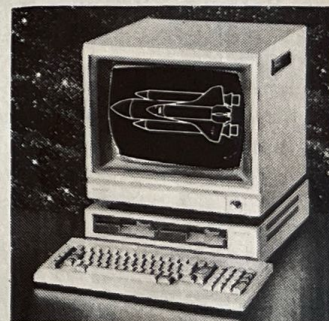
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The Device Driver:

An MS-DOS Power Feature

By Danny Humphress

Over the past 15 months, "Mastering MS-DOS" has covered a lot of ground. As we move further into our second year of this column, we are evolving from a beginner's column to one for the MS-DOS power user — the person who feels comfortable with MS-DOS, but has not yet mastered all the power available to him.

This month, we begin covering one of those "power" features — device drivers. While powerful in function, device drivers are surprisingly easy to take advantage of.

Device Drivers

As we have talked about in earlier issues, a "device" is simply a piece of hardware attached to the computer. Once you've physically connected a device, you must logically attach it to MS-DOS. That is, you have to tell MS-DOS the device is there and supply it with the interface software. This interface software is called a "device driver."

MS-DOS has built-in standard device drivers for common devices such as the video display, keyboard and disk drives, so there is no need for us to supply one. Other devices such as mouse boards and network boards usually require a software driver.

Software drivers are generally supplied when you purchase the device. The Sanyo EHD-511 hard disk, for example, includes a device driver called EXTRAHD.SYS, which installs the hard disks as Drive E:. Other hardware items, such as a clock/calendar board, will have an appropriate device driver to tell the operating system to look for and utilize the device.

(Danny Humphress is the owner of a computer software and consulting firm in Louisville, Ky. Danny brings to SOFT SECTOR his extensive experience with small business computers and applications software.)

Device drivers are not just for add-on hardware devices, however. Some drivers are used to change the way a common device works. There are device drivers, for example, that allow you to set aside a portion of your computer's RAM and use it like a disk drive.

ANSI.SYS, probably the most common device driver, is used to make the video screen and keyboard behave like a standard ANSI terminal (American National Standards Institute). The standard Sanyo 550/555 operating system does not use ANSI.SYS as an external file, but rather has an abbreviated version built right into the DOS system files. Hence it does not need to be loaded separately. The Video RAM Board operating system, however, does use the ANSI.SYS driver (but remember that it's called ANSI55.SYS), and of course, so do all the other Sanyo MS-DOS machines.

Device drivers are not just for add-on hardware devices. Some drivers are used to change the way a common device works. ANSI.SYS, for example, is used to make the video screen and keyboard behave like a standard ANSI terminal. Device drivers are available which allow you to use part of your computer's RAM as a disk drive.

Installing A Device Driver

In order for your computer to recognize and use a particular device driver, you need to do two things. First, you must copy the device driver file to the root directory of your MS-DOS boot disk. Then, MS-DOS must be told the device is a part of its "configuration" when the system boots. This is done via the CONFIG.SYS file. (Sorry, but bear in mind that this is not supported under MS-DOS 1.25.)

While the filename CONFIG.SYS would lead you to believe it is a device driver, it is actually a file that lists the device drivers to be included in the system when it is booted. It is also used to set certain system parameters (more on that later).

When you turn on or reset your computer, the computer

looks for a CONFIG.SYS file on the boot disk for information about the system configuration. If there is no CONFIG.SYS on the disk, MS-DOS assumes a "standard" configuration, then goes on to the AUTOEXEC.BAT file (if one exists) or to the normal date and time questions.

If MS-DOS finds a CONFIG.SYS file, it uses it to set system parameters and to find the names of the device drivers it needs to load. If, for example, you used CONFIG.SYS to tell DOS that you're using the ANSI.SYS console driver, it would look for the ANSI.SYS file and load it into memory as part of DOS.

The CONFIG.SYS file may be created with the EDLIN line editor, with a COPY CON: [filename] command, or with just about any text editor. (For more information on EDLIN, see the "Mastering MS-DOS" columns in the November 1984 through February 1985 issues of SOFT SECTOR.)

The lines in a CONFIG.SYS file loosely resemble a programming language. Like a language, MS-DOS recognizes certain key words in the CONFIG.SYS file as having specific meanings. Briefly, the keywords recognized are: BUFFERS, FILES, BREAK, SHELL and DEVICE.

The DEVICE command is used to tell MS-DOS to load a certain device driver when MS-DOS is booted (started up). If we wanted the ANSI.SYS and EXTRAHD.SYS drivers to be loaded when we booted, we would need these two commands in the CONFIG.SYS file:

```
DEVICE = ANSI.SYS
DEVICE = EXTRAHD.SYS
```

The first thing MS-DOS will do after loading is to load ANSI.SYS and EXTRAHD.SYS into memory and attach it to DOS. These device drivers will be in effect until the system is re-booted or turned off.

It is important to remember that the commands in the CONFIG.SYS file are not in effect until you reset your computer. That is the only time MS-DOS looks at CONFIG.SYS and configures the system.

ANSI.SYS

By designing their programs to work with ANSI terminal standard commands, programmers can easily move their applications from one machine to another without having to worry about video display and keyboard differences.

The ANSI.SYS device driver makes your display and keyboard behave according to the ANSI standards. While the keyboard and display accept the ANSI control codes, their normal operation is not affected. That is, programs that are not designed to work with ANSI.SYS will not be affected by its presence.

Many programs require that you have the ANSI.SYS driver installed. To use them, you must make sure this line is part of your CONFIG.SYS file:

```
DEVICE = ANSI.SYS
```

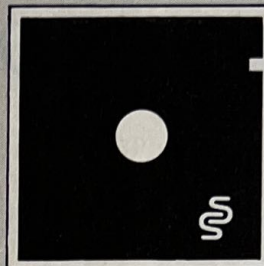
Even if you aren't a programmer, ANSI.SYS allows you to do some really nice things such as changing the screen colors and defining function keys. Details on this next month.



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DODGEM

This is a simple game like *GoldMine* from **SOFT SECTOR**, October '84, except that points are earned by dodging all objects on the screen; in other words, you don't have to hit anything for points.

The program is designed to run in normal **BASIC** and requires a joystick. If you try to leave either side of the screen, you will reappear on the other side, often in front of a barrier. Good luck!

```
1 CLS:X=40:FOR Y=1 TO 999:F=STICK(1):X=X
+(F<50)-(F>150)-((X<3)*70)+((X>72)*70):L
OCATE 25,INT(RND*76)+1,0:PRINT STRING$(3
,219):LOCATE 1,X:PRINT CHR$(2):IF COLOR(
X*8-4,10)>0 THEN PRINT E*999+Y:FOR T=1 T
O 1600:NEXT E=0:GOTO 1 ELSE NEXT E=E+1:G
OTO 1
```

Matt Norby
Cleveland Heights, OH

★★★★★

HOME LOAN INTEREST

This one-line program will calculate the payment, interest, principal and remaining amount due of your principal for your home loan on a yearly basis.

```
1 INPUT"AMOUNT OF LOAN";A:INPUT"INTEREST
RATE(%)";I:INPUT"NUMBER OF YEARS";Y:D=A
/((1-((1+(I*.01))^-Y))/(I*.01)):PRINT "Y
EAR","PAYMENT","INTEREST","PRINCIPAL","R
EMAING LOAN":FOR J=1 TO Y:Q=A*(I*.01):P=
D-Q:A=A-P:PRINT J,D,Q,P,:PRINT USING "##
###.##";A:NEXT
```

Dale J. Billman
Scottsdale, AZ

★★★★★

REVERSE ELLIPSES

This program, using the **LINE** command, draws a series of ellipses counterclockwise. The final ellipses are the largest that can be drawn on the Sanyo. The color (**K**) adds variety but can be omitted for a monochrome monitor.

```
1 F=-.25467:A=.4:FOR I=1 TO 3:FOR J=1 TO
9 STEP 2:K=INT(RND*7)+1:CLS:FOR S=0 TO
270 STEP J:X=320+A*99*COS(S*F):Y=100+99*
SIN(S*F):LINE(320,100)-(X,Y),K:NEXT S:F
OR T=1 TO 1000:NEXT T:NEXT J:A=A+1.4:NEX
T I
```

Paul M. Bowen
South Pasadena, CA

★★★★★

PSYCHEDELIC SUNRISE

This program experiments with moire patterns and works best on a color monitor.

```
1 CLS:LOCATE 1,1:P=295:Q=107:FOR C=1 TO
6:FOR X=0 TO 599 STEP 5:FOR T=0 TO 1:COL
OR C:LINE(X+T,25)-(P,Q):LINE-(599-X-T,19
9):NEXT T,X:FOR Y=25 TO 199 STEP 5:FOR T
=0 TO 1:LINE(599,Y+T)-(P,Q):LINE-(0,(199
-Y-T)+25):NEXT T,Y:P=P+1:Q=Q+1:NEXT:CIRC
LE(P,Q),27,,,,,7
```

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To draw, after you select the color for the next line, a graphic cursor is displayed on the screen. Move the crosshairs by pressing the appropriate arrow keys. To move the cursor eight pixels at a time, press the TAB key. Press RETURN to select the starting position of the line. Then select the ending position and press RETURN. The line will be drawn in the previously selected color and you will be asked to select a new color for another line.

```
1 CLS:WHILE A=0 LOCATE 1,1,0:PRINT "COLOR (0-7):";:A$=INPUT$(1):OUT 56,4:LOCATE 1,1:PRINT SPC(13);:C=VAL(A$):GCURSOR(X,Y),(X1,Y1),2:PSET(X1,Y1),C:OUT 56,19:GCURSOR(X1,Y1),(X,Y),2:OUT 56,75:LINE(X,Y)-(X1,Y1),C:WEND
```

Paul T. Miller
Wirtz, VA

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STRAIGHT LINE FIT

This program, by means of a least squares analysis, will essentially find the best straight line fit to a given set of data points. The values obtained for the slope and Y-intercept can be used in order to predict new values of X or Y when one of these is known by use of the equation $Y = MX + B$, where M is the slope and B is the Y-intercept.

```
1 CLS:INPUT "ENTER NUMBER OF POINTS";N:P
RINT:DIM X(N):DIM Y(N):FOR I=1 TO N:INPU
T "ENTER X,Y";X(N),Y(N):X=X+X(N):Y=Y+Y(N)
):D=D+(X(N)*Y(N)):E=E+(X(N)^2):NEXT I:M=
(D-(X*Y/N))/(E-(X^2/N)):B=(Y/N)-(M*(X/N)
):PRINT:PRINT"SLOPE = ";M:PRINT "Y-INTER
CEPT = ";B
```

Robert Blomquist
Elizabeth, NJ

★★★★★

SIMPLE TYPEWRITER

I call this one-line program *Simple Typewriter* because it allows the user to sit down and begin typing without having to set up a *WordStar* file (or whatever) when the need arises for a quick note or memo.

I set the line input to 79 characters to keep the cursor from moving to the next line (80 would fit on one line but this looks nicer on screen). One page will hold 59 lines before advancing to the top of the next page. All text remains on the screen until one page has been filled. The program then starts over, thus clearing the screen. A capital X in the far left column of any line will end the program.

```
1 CLS:PRINT TAB(30)"SIMPLE TYPEWRITER":P
RINT TAB(29)"(ENTER -X- TO QUIT)":PRINT
:FOR LNCNT=1 TO 55:LINE INPUT (79)A$:IF
LEFT$(A$,1)="X" THEN END ELSE LPRINT A$:
NEXT :FOR X=1 TO 11:LPRINT :NEXT:GOTO 1
```

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1020 DATA "00000000000000000000000000000000", 0
1030 DATA "00000000000000000000000000000000", 0
1040 DATA "00000000000000000000000000000000", 0
1050 DATA "00000000000000000000000000C00000", 12
1060 DATA "00000000000000000000005EAC0AC07502", 587
1070 DATA "FFE6E80200EBF48AD0B402CD21C3FCE8", 2643
1080 DATA "E8FF0D0A566F6C756D65204C6162656C", 1654
1090 DATA "204368616E6765722056312E300D0A50", 1092
1100 DATA "726F6772616D2042792054696D6F7468", 1528
1110 DATA "79205075727665730D0A002EA05C00A2", 1281
1120 DATA "0A01BA3401B41ACD21BA0301B411CD21", 1319
1130 DATA "0AC07503EB5590E890FF0D0A44726976", 1845
1140 DATA "652000A00A010440E88CFFE87CFF3A20", 1700
1150 DATA "486173206E6F204C6162656C00E8CB00", 1484
1160 DATA "BE5D01BF0B01BB0B00AC2AED8AC8B020", 1682
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1190 DATA "566F6C756D65204C6162656C206F6620", 1421
1200 DATA "647269766520000BE3B01AC0440E827FF", 1586
1210 DATA "B03AE822FF56E811FF203D3E20005EB9", 1811
1220 DATA "0B00ACE811FFE2FAE86000BE5C01ACAC", 2118
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1280 DATA "6D65204C6162656C0700C3E89CFE0D0A", 1589
1290 DATA "456E746572204E657720566F6C756D65", 1504
1300 DATA "204C6162656C2020203D3E2000BA5C01", 1042
1310 DATA "B40ACD21C3D1D6A02B4688075A5B59C3", 1927

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Listing 2: VOLUME.COM Assembly Source Code.

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; volume label change program, Tim Purves 08/20/85
; this program has been tested a great deal
; It should work every time without destroying diskettes
;
; to make this program use the following
;
; masm volume;
; link volume;
; exe2bin volume volume.com
; del volume.exe
; del volume.obj
;
; no warranty expressed or implied
;
;
code    segment
        assume cs:code, ds:code
        org      100h                ; std com file

start:
        jmp      over_data

fcb     db        -1,0,0,0,0,0,8    ; extended fcb for volume label
fcb_drive db      0
        db        '?????????'      ; any ok

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        db      3Ø dup (Ø)

dma      db      4Ø dup (Ø)
newnam   db      12,Ø,12 dup (Ø)

print:   ; cute string print
        pop     si      ; get ret adr

prn:
        lodsb                    ; get next char
        or      al,al    ; is it EOS
        jnz     prn1     ; no print it
        jmp     si        ; return to caller
prn1:    call    printc
        jmp     prn
printc:
        mov     dl,al    ; dos print
        mov     ah,2
        int     21h
        ret

over_data:
        cld
        call    print    ; print sigon
        db      13,1Ø
        db      'Volume Label Changer V1.Ø',13,1Ø
        db      'Program By Timothy Purves',13,1Ø,Ø
        mov     al,cs:byte ptr [5ch] ; drive
        mov     fcb_drive,al
        mov     dx,offset dma    ; set dma address
        mov     ah,lah
        int     21h              ; set dma addr
        mov     dx,offset fcb
        mov     ah,11h          ; check disk for volume label
        int     21h
        or      al,al
        jnz     nolabel ; create a new one
        jmp     found_one      ;else rename it
nolabel:
        call    print
        db      13,1Ø
        db      'Drive ',Ø
        mov     al,fcb_drive    ; get drive number
        add     al,'@'          ; convert to letter
        call    printc
        call    print
        db      ': Has no Label',Ø
        call    getname         ; get label name

;
; this routine converts a string to a fcb type memory block
;
        mov     si,offset newnam+1
        mov     di,offset fcb+8
        mov     bx,11
        lodsb
        sub     ch,ch
        mov     cl,al

nØ:      mov     al,' '

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        jcxz     n1
        lodsb
        dec      cx
n1:
        stosb
        dec      bx
        jnz      n0
        mov      dx,offset fcb
        mov      ah,16h          ; create volume label
        int      21h
        or       al,al          ; success ??
        jz       n2              ; yep!
        call     badmsg          ; error msg
        jmp      nolabel
n2:
        jmp      terminate

found_one:
        call     print           ; print old volume label
        db      13,10
        db      'Volume Label of drive ',0
        mov      si,offset dma+7
        lodsb
        add      al,'@'
        call     printc
        mov      al,':'
        call     printc
        push     si
        call     print
        db      ' => ',0
        pop      si
        mov      cx,11
p0:
        lodsb
        call     printc
        loop     p0
p1:
        call     getname
;
; this routine converts a string to a fcb_type memory block
;
        mov      si,offset newnam
        lodsb
        lodsb
        mov      cl,al
        sub      ch,ch
        mov      di,offset dma+7+11h
        mov      bx,11
p2:
        mov      al,' '
        jcxz     eos
        lodsb
        dec      cx
eos:
        stosb
        dec      bx
        jnz      p2
        mov      dx,offset dma
        mov      ah,17h          ; attempt rename
        int      21h

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        or      al,al          ; success?
        jz      p3             ; yep!
        call   badmsg ; error msg
        jmp    p1

terminate:
p3:      call   print
        db     13,10,10
        db     'Volume Name Changed',13,10,0
        int    20h             ; back to dos

badmsg:
        call   print          ; print error msg
        db     13,10,10
        db     'Bad Volume Label',7,0
        ret

getname:
        call   print
        db     13,10
        db     'Enter New Volume Label  => ',0
        mov    dx,offset newnam
        mov    ah,0ah
        int    21h
        ret

code     ends
end       start

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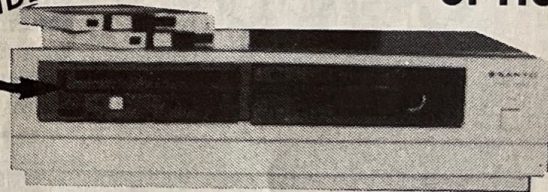
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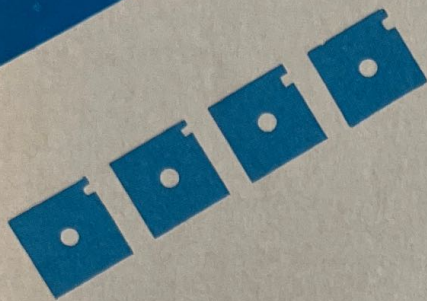
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(Charlotte Stone, office manager for the Detroit office of the Shaw / Walker Co., has been using a Sanyo computer in her daily work routine since October of 1983. Brian Stone has been using a variety of Sanyo computers since May of 1983. Charlotte and her husband, Brian have been involved with computers since their first purchase in July of 1978. They presently own and use five computer systems, three of which are Sanyos, on a daily basis.)

Q. I would like to get WordStar to default to a left margin of 12 spaces, 78 character line length and a right margin of 12 characters. I use a Prowriter 8510a in 12 pitch and this gives me pleasing print quality and more words per line. Every time I use the Install program this way and then go to use WordStar, it gives me a maximum of 76 characters, not the 78 that it is set for. Changing the margins with ^OR works perfectly. Is there a patch to fix this?

Robert H. Hunter
Las Cruces, NM

A. I just spent quite a bit of time experimenting with the Install program for WordStar trying to set the width to 78 columns and had the same luck you had. I do not know the reason for this but WordStar must have something that sets the maximum default to 76 columns. Since you are just two columns short of what you want, I would suggest that as long as it is only for letters that you desire the extra two columns, you could do without them. If this is not satisfactory, one of our readers may have solved this problem and can advise us how they did it.

Q. I am struggling to get my Comrex printer (CR-1 ComRiter) to give me true subscript and superscript as well as alternate pitch (12 pitch) but am unable to do so. I can boldface without problems. I tried the advice you gave to one of your readers who had a Comrex CR11 and had similar problems. You suggested installing it as a Diablo-Xerox 1610/1620 but this did not work for me. I have tried several of the standard printer menu installations without success. Can you suggest a solution?

Abraham Verghese, MD
Brighton, MA

A. I am not sure which daisy wheel printer your Comrex CR-1 ComRiter printer emulates, but you could install a copy of WordStar for the Diablo 630 printer to see if that driver will work correctly. According to the copy of the manual you sent, your printer will super- and subscript. If one of the Diablo selections does not work, your only choice is to try each of the daisy wheel choices on the menu until you find one that works.

My best guess is the Diablo because most manufacturers use these codes. If that option fails, you could install the codes to do 1/12 inch forward or reverse linefeeds to get super- or subscript from the ribbon select and the phantom character selections with the Install program. To get alternate pitch, just install the codes from your manual with the Install program.

Q. I have several lengthy inventory databases in InfoStar files. I coded my data entries as numbers (e.g., in stock=1, sold=2, etc.), and have these legends on the screen beneath the data fields. However, about 70 percent down the screen, the cursor bounces to the top of the screen when I try to add another line. I can work around this problem with the buffer command, but what's happening? Also, how can I print out the legend with a report?

Herman I. Leon
Arlington, VA

A. The problem you are having with the cursor wrapping around back to the top of the screen is explained in Chapter 4 of the DataStar Training Guide (Step 2 — screen space). The default form size in DataStar is 79 columns by 17 lines. To design a form wider or longer than that size, you must use CONTROL-B to add columns to the width, or CONTROL-N to add lines to the length. If you do not add lines, every time you try to go past Line 17 the cursor will "wrap" back to the top of the form.

To print out the legend you desire with your report, use Redit to add the legend to your report layout screen. The print control column (at the extreme left of the layout screen) can be coded to print your legend line once per report, once per page or with every record. Chapters 6 and 7 of the ReportStar Training Guide cover Redit. There are further instructions for Redit in the ReportStar Reference Manual, available from dealers handling Sanyo or MicroPro products. If you have specific questions I can help you with, please write to me again with as much detail as possible.

Q. Boy, have I got a problem! I purchased my MBC-550 in November of 1983 and have enjoyed it a great deal. My most frequent use is text processing with WordStar, and that's where the problem is. WordStar seems to be able to drop char-

Q. How can I install WordStar to allow me to use the built-in bold and double-strike functions of my Okidata 92 rather than the multi-pass functions as are used now? I do not want to use the user patch areas because I am already using them. Also, how can I get EPSONSD.COM or OKISD.COM to work with my printer?

Rupert Pupkin
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

A. Regarding the use of the Okidata 92's built-in functions for bold and double-strike printing without using the "user patches," you could use the ribbon change and the phantom character toggle which are available from the installation menu.

It would seem that getting your printer to print a screen dump of graphics will require the rewriting of the EPSONSD.COM or OKISD.COM programs. The reason being, the Epson version, as you stated, is for the MX-100 and the Okidata version is for the Microline 83a only. There are dealers who advertise screen dump programs in SOFT SECTOR which may suit your needs. You should check with some of them to see if their program will work with your printer. Graphics are always printed unidirectionally so that the results will have better registration on the paper. The extra space on your printout looks like you may have a linefeed or linefeed/carrige return switch in the wrong position.

acters once in a while. If not in the file and I call it up on the screen, everything is normal, but when I try to print it characters drop at random. I use a Mannesman Tally 160L dot matrix printer, but I'm not sure that's where the problem is because the printer works fine when printing BASIC listings and ASCII files (it printed the 16 pages of PC-File documentation without a glitch).

The problem is intermittent, or at least I haven't discovered the pattern. I have been getting around the problem by printing out the text and then going back and inserting blanks in the spaces that are dropped.

This worked fine on ordinary correspondence quality printing, but the other day I needed a particularly nice quality printout so I inserted a ^B at the beginning and end of the file. This caused the printer to make six passes on each line and the print quality was very good, except that on part of two lines four characters were dropped on two of the passes, causing two half lines at different points of the file to be totally illegible.

This is a problem that I have no idea how to solve. My Sanyo has 128K of memory and I have replaced the single, single-sided drive with two 800K (TEAC 55F) drives and A-OK DOS4 version 1.25, but the problem started before the change.

Do you know if The Word Plus will run on the Sanyo?

James M. Russell
Canutillo, TX

A. Charlotte and I each own a Mannesmann Tally MT-160L dot matrix printer. One is used with a Sanyo MBC-1250 CP/M machine and the other is used with an MBC 555-2. We have not had a problem with the printers on either of the machines, both of which are used for some high volume printing with WordStar as well as with InfoStar.

You might be experiencing a variation of what has happened with the Panasonic printers, (SOFT SECTOR July, '85). There is another thing that you might try: Set the "Buffer Size" from the printer menu to minimum. There have been some instances of timing problems with the MT-180L (not the MT-160L that I am aware of) printer and MS-DOS computers.

I do not know if The Word Plus will function on the Sanyo. I would suggest that you write to the manufacturer or check the dealer ads in SOFT SECTOR to see if it is available. I don't think that the problem is your word processing software.

Editor's Note:

Some time ago there was a question about the availability of a COBOL compiler for the Sanyo MBC-550 series. I inadvertently advised that there was a product called Nevada COBOL that should be investigated. The Nevada COBOL compiler will not run on the MBC-550 because it is a CP/M only version. The manufacturer of a COBOL compiler called "Utah COBOL" advised that they anticipate

having the new product ready about the end of the year. Anyone interested should contact: Ellis Computing, Inc., 3917 Noriegan Street, San Francisco, CA 94122.

I would like to thank them for correcting my error and also for their advice about the up and coming product.

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The following questions have been answered by Sandy Waters, marketing manager of the computer division at Sanyo Business Systems Corp. Should you have a question, mail it to: 51 Joseph Street, Moonachie, NJ 07074.

Q. *I do a lot of writing, so anything that speeds up WordStar or aids it is great. That is the reason I wanted to use CorrectStar. I put in the CorrectStar patch and am having all kinds of problems. I can't locate the internal dictionary as requested on the menu. While not a problem, I do not get any text in inverse video.*

*Murray Kahl
West Palm Beach, FL*

A. The CorrectStar patch works for Version 3.30 and cannot be used with Version 3.31. Micropro was unable to provide a fix for the location of the internal dictionary.

Q. *Are there any updates or information that can be obtained from Sanyo direct concerning the 555? If so, who could I write to?*

*Mike Booth
Knoxville, TN*

A. There is a 555 series software catalog available from Sanyo. Please send a check in the amount of \$3 to: Sanyo Business Systems Corp., Computer Division, 51 Joseph Street, Moonachie, NJ 07074, Attn. Product Support.

Q. *It has been rumored that Sanyo is working on an IBM board, something you'd plug onto the 62-pin expansion connector like the Video RAM Board that would, (with appropriate software, I assume) make our MBC-555s really (honestly) IBM compatible. Would you care to confirm this rumor, or is this "vaporware?"*

*Victor Frank, Editor
Sanyo PC Hackers Newsletter*

A. Rumors are surfacing that Sanyo has discontinued the 550/555 series of computers. Only the 550-1, 550-2 and 555-1 computers have been discontinued due to demand. Sanyo has developed a new video board offering additional 256K of RAM for those people requiring additional memory. The regular video board will continue to be sold.

Rumors dealing with any additional boards for the MBC-555-2 are unfounded.

Q. *In this day and age, one never knows if incoming mail is even read by a human. In case you do answer personal mail, I have two burning questions: First, can you tell me of any user*

groups in this area for Sanyo? I am located 100 miles east of Dallas. Second, have you done any product reviews on the Silver Fox?

*Hans Clahsen
Bullard, TX*

A. The nearest active Sanyo Users' Groups are:

Amarillo Area Sanyo Users Group
Box 2052 WT Station
Canyon, TX 79016

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402 Biscay Drive
Garland, TX 75043

To our knowledge there are no product reviews of the Silver Fox computer offered by Scottsdale Systems. This system is a modified Sanyo computer and as such carries no warranty from Sanyo. It is also not eligible for support from Sanyo or from Sanyo authorized dealerships.

Q. *I had a Video RAM Board installed in my MBC-555 and had a few questions which my dealer could not answer. When he tried to get the information from Sanyo in New Jersey, he thought it would be better if I spoke directly to them by telephone. When I explained to Sanyo what I needed, they turned on a tape recording saying that it was their policy that all queries be handled by dealers!*

The major problem since having the Video RAM Board installed has been that whenever I try to access a file I get: "Direct Statement in File."

*James E. Parlatore
Plainview, NY*

A. The tape recording that you refer to is no longer being used. We now refer end-users to our Major Supplier Organizations (MSOs). However, the use of the tape to refer end-users back to their dealers is in full accordance with Sanyo's policy of full-support, full-service dealers.

We have established an extensive and growing support system for our dealers. There is no reason why they cannot utilize this system and your dealer should have done exactly that. You must realize that with the small staff that we have here it is virtually impossible to address the complaints, problems or suggestions of each individual end-user. Therefore, until we are at a size that will enable us to do this, we will continue to refer end-users to their authorized, full-service, full-support Sanyo dealers.

With regard to your problem of getting the message "Direct Statement in File;" when trying to access BASIC programs with BASICA this error means that the program you're trying to load had a line feed in its text.

BASIC interpreter programs other than BASICA enter a line feed character when you enter a line feed. The BASICA interpreter pads the entire line with spaces when the line feed is entered. It does not insert the line feed character as the other interpreters do. The attempt to load a program with actual line feed characters in the text will cause the "Direct Statement in File" error.

Your only solution will be to remove the line feeds from the program you are trying to load. Our experience has been that none of the BASIC programs provided on our operating system disks cause this error, so I can only conclude that these are programs being transferred to our computer.

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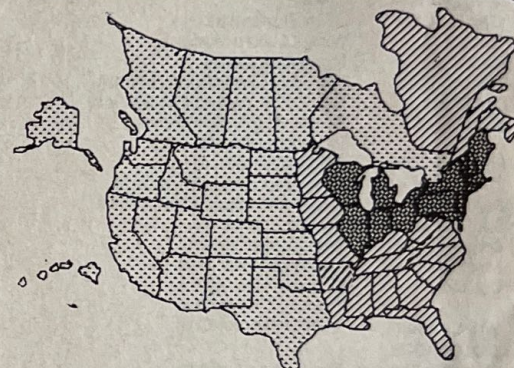
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